

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5200 Student Conduct and Discipline

5206-1 Student Code of Conduct

A. Preamble

In accordance with the provisions of law, the Board of Education has set forth in this Student Code of Conduct the rules governing the most serious and obvious types of student misconduct. The prohibited acts listed in this Student Code of Conduct are not to be construed as an all-inclusive list or as a limitation upon the authority of school officials to deal appropriately with violations of a school building's individual rules and regulations or other types of conduct which interfere with the good order of the school system, the proper functioning of the educational process, or the health and safety of students.

The Student Code of Conduct does not cover the District's attendance and tardiness procedures, the District's requirements for credit and graduation, or the District's authority to regulate the participation of students in extracurricular, co-curricular and athletic activities. (See the Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Student Code of Conduct Policy #5206-3) A decision to expel or suspend a student from participating in extracurricular and athletic events is solely within the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

In accordance with the Board's authority under law, a student violating any of the prohibited acts listed below shall be deemed to be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and will be disciplined. Some Student Code of Conduct violations are also criminal violations. As a result, a student accused of a violation of the Student Code of Conduct may be referred to law enforcement in conjunction with other disciplinary procedures.

Consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the related information contained in the Districts' Annual Notifications, the District is limited by law in what information can be disclosed regarding the educational records of another student, including matters pertaining to student conduct and discipline.

- B. Suspension from Class, Subject, or Activity by Teacher** A teacher may suspend a student from any class, subject, or activity for up to one full school day if the teacher has good reason to believe that the student: A. intentionally disrupted the class, subject, or activity; B. jeopardized the health or safety of any of the other participants in the class, subject, or activity; or C. was insubordinate during the class, subject, or activity. Any teacher who suspends a student from a class, subject, or activity must immediately report the suspension and its reason to the building principal or designee. If a student is suspended from a class,

subject, or activity, but will otherwise remain at school, the building principal or designee must ensure that the student is appropriately supervised during the suspension and, if the student is a student with a disability, that all procedures applicable to students with disabilities are followed. Any teacher who suspends a student from a class, subject, or activity must, as soon as possible following the suspension, request that the student's Parent attend a Parent teacher conference to discuss the suspension. The building principal or designee must attend the conference if either the teacher or the Parent requests the building principal's attendance. The building principal or designee must make reasonable efforts to invite a school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker to attend the conference.

C. Application of Code of Conduct

The prohibited acts and penalties listed in this Student Code of Conduct are applicable when a student:

1. engages in a prohibited act on any premises owned, leased or used by the District;
2. engages in a prohibited act in a motor vehicle owned or leased by the District or being used for a school business-related purpose;
3. engages in a prohibited act at a school-related activity, function or event;
4. engages in a prohibited act en route to or from school or a school-related activity, function or event;
5. engages in a prohibited act involving another student who is en route to or from school or a school-related activity, function or event;
6. engages in a prohibited act that has a sufficient nexus to or with the District, District personnel or students or District property, such as a prohibited act that: has its inception in school; is school connected or adversely affects, interferes with, or endangers the good order of the school system; or, impacts the proper functioning of the educational process or the health or safety of students.
7. has engaged in off-campus conduct that may legally require the District to consider such acts, such as criminal sexual conduct or cyberbullying.
8. engages in a prohibited act as part of online or distance learning provided by the District.

D. Prohibited Acts

1. Failure to Cooperate

A student shall not refuse to cooperate with District personnel investigating a possible violation of this Code of Conduct and/or building rules, and no student shall make false statements or give false evidence to District personnel. A student shall not refuse to testify or otherwise cooperate with District personnel in any disciplinary proceeding.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

2. False Allegations

A student shall not libel, slander, or make false allegations against another student, District employee (including guest teachers and student teachers), Board of Education members or volunteers.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

3. Failure to Report

A student shall not fail to report to an administrator or teacher a fact or condition that may threaten the health, safety or welfare of District personnel, guests, students or property. Regardless of any reports made to an outside source or non-school related hotline, students are expected to report such information to an administrator.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

4. Failure to Comply With Directions of School Personnel

A student shall not be insubordinate or fail to comply with instructions and directions of District personnel (including guest teachers and student teachers), volunteers, or persons acting in a chaperone or supervisory capacity.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

5. Dress (See Policy 5204)

A student shall not dress or groom in a manner which, in the judgment of a building administrator, is unsafe to the student or others or causes a disruption to the educational process.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

6. Trespass, Loitering

A student shall not be on school property or in a school building except at times and for purposes authorized by the administration to participate in

the educational process of the District and/or attend school related functions, nor shall a student loiter in building hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, etc.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

7. Wireless Communication Devices (See Policy 5209)

A student may possess an electronic communication and/or media device at school subject to the following criteria and consistent with the Acceptable Use policy, Policy 5209, Student Use of Wireless Communications Devices, and Student Handbooks:

- Students in Grades K-8 cannot use or wear personal wireless communication devices during the school day. Devices must be stored in accordance with the student handbook.
- Students in Grades 9-12 may only use or wear personal wireless communication devices during lunch, passing time and non-mandatory seminar times. Devices must be stored in accordance with the student handbook.
- Such devices shall not be used to capture images, video or audio at school without the consent of the individuals being recorded.
- The use of such devices at school may not negatively impact or compromise another student's educational opportunity.

The administration may confiscate such devices in cases that the student(s) are not complying with the criteria above.

Penalty –administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

8. Falsification Of Records

A student shall not falsify information on District forms or records or cause them to be altered.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

9. Academic Dishonesty

Northville Public Schools is committed to advancing the pursuit of intellectual excellence and to maintaining the highest standards and expectations for academic integrity among all students. Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Students and faculty alike must obey rules of honest scholarship, which means that all academic work should result from an individual's own efforts.

Therefore, a student shall not engage in academic cheating. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized aid or assistance or the actual giving or receiving of unfair advantage on any form of academic work. A student shall not engage in

plagiarism, which includes the copying of language, structure, idea, and/or thought of another and represent it as one's own original work.

Violations of academic integrity go beyond plagiarism (using a person's work, concepts, designs, data, ideas, research, or documentation, without giving proper credit to the source) to also include lying, cheating, using or providing unauthorized materials in preparation for an assignment / project / exam / test / quiz, or using or providing unauthorized materials during an exam/test/quiz, and other acts, such as the theft or falsification of records and files.

Violations of Academic Honesty (examples include, but are not limited to, the following):

- Looking at someone else's work, or knowingly allowing someone else to look at one's work during an exam, test, or quiz
- Using any kind of "cheat notes" during an exam, test, or quiz
- Copying any work assigned to be done independently or letting others copy one's work (It is the responsibility of the individual teacher to clarify expectations about homework and projects with their classes, preferably in writing on their course syllabi.)
- Having unauthorized access to, or using, stolen exams, tests, or quizzes
- Providing or selling exam, test, quiz or assignment information to other students
- Using any electronic device to give, receive or copy information before, during, or after an assignment, exam, test, or quiz
- Collaborating on an exam, test, quiz or assignment with any other person without prior approval from the teacher
- Lying about attendance or ability to complete assignments and/or assessments
- Claiming credit for work in a group project when work was done by others
- Attempting to misrepresent the authorship of student work, i.e., having someone else complete the work or using someone else's prior work
- Copying or closely paraphrasing sentences, phrases, or passages from a source without proper citation while writing a paper or doing research
- Using the views, opinions, or insights of others without proper acknowledgement
- Fabricating or altering laboratory data
- Accessing and/or using copyrighted test bank questions or any materials designed for instructors' use only
- Alteration or falsification, or attempted alteration/falsification, of records (e.g., transcripts)

- Theft, or attempted theft, of records or testing materials (exams/tests/quizzes)

Consequences for Violations

The District considers violations of academic honesty to be serious offenses and has therefore instituted a range of consequences to be considered based on the facts of each situation, and the age/grade or developmental level of the student. The consequences apply on a schoolwide and districtwide basis, i.e., a violation in one class may follow a student to a different class within the school, and a violation at one school may follow a student to another school within the District/Program. Additionally, violations of academic honesty are cumulative for all the years a student is enrolled in the Northville Public School District.

First Offense

- The student may have a reduction in grade/credit (up to, and including, an “E” grade/“0” credit) on the assignment, exam, test, or quiz to failure of the course based upon the severity of violation.
- The teacher will confer with the student and contact the parent/guardian by phone to review the academic honesty violation within one school day of becoming aware of the incident.
- The teacher will submit an Office Discipline Referral, with appropriate documentation, to an administrator who will meet with the student, and document the incident and any follow-up action in MiStar.
- The student may be barred from participation or having a leadership role in a club, scholarship group, student government, athletic team, or other extracurricular activity for up to a period of one year from date of the violation.
- Disciplinary actions may include but are not limited to, a warning and a signed student/parental Academic Integrity form that acknowledges the violation/penalty, and indicates an understanding of further consequences for any subsequent offenses.

Second Offense

Consequences applied from the First Offense and one or more of the following, with consideration given to the age and developmental understanding at the time of the first offense:

- A conference will be held with an administrator, parent/guardian, teacher, counselor, and student, with the incident and follow-up action documented in MiStar.
- The student may be given an “E” for the quarter grading period in which the incident occurred.

- The student may be suspended from school, regardless of any recommendation of expulsion.
- Student records/transcript may indicate a pattern of academic honesty violations.

Third/Continuing Offenses

Consequences applied in the First and Second Offenses and one or more of the following:

- A conference will be held with an administrator, parent/guardian, teacher, counselor, and student, with the incident and follow-up action documented in MiStar.
- The student may lose credit in the class with a grade of “E.”
- The student will be suspended from school, regardless of any recommendation of expulsion.
- Student records/transcript may indicate a pattern of academic honesty violations

Note: For any violation, including the first, the penalty ranges from administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

10. Copyrighted Material (See Policy 3103)

A student shall not unlawfully duplicate, reproduce, retain, or unlawfully use copyrighted material.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

11. Improper Use of Technology (See Policy 5208 and 5209)

A student shall not violate the District’s Acceptable Use Policy or “acceptable practices” student contract for the use of computers, electronic information resources, or other technologies (e.g., use of the Internet, use of networks operated by the School District, etc.), nor shall the student violate the verbal or written directions of School District personnel regarding the acceptable use of computers and other technologies.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

12. Unauthorized Use of School Equipment

A student shall not use District property (e.g., fax machines, copiers, computer equipment, laboratory equipment, athletic supplies, etc.), in any unauthorized, dangerous, or illegal fashion.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

13. Misconduct Prior to Enrollment (See Policy 5206D)

To protect the health and safety of students and employees and to prevent threatened disruption to the educational process, an otherwise eligible resident student may be disciplined on the basis of:

- a prior act of misconduct committed outside of school hours and/or off school premises when the student was not enrolled in the Northville Public Schools;
- a prior act constituting a gross misdemeanor and other acts of misconduct while the student was enrolled in another school district;
- if the act of gross misdemeanor or other misconduct would constitute a sufficient basis for suspension or expulsion had it occurred while the student was attending the Northville Public Schools.

At the time of enrollment, a student, parent(s) or guardian shall not give false or incomplete information, or fail to disclose information, relative to a student's prior act of gross misdemeanor, or other misconduct. A violation may result in disciplinary proceedings being initiated against the student.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

14. Suspended or Expelled Student On School Property Or Attending School Activities

A suspended or expelled student who enters onto school property without the permission of a building administrator shall be deemed to be trespassing. Suspended or expelled students may not attend school activities at any site without permission of a building administrator.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

15. Smoking/Tobacco/Vaporizers (See Policy 3102)

A student shall not smoke, chew or otherwise use tobacco. A student shall not, have in his/her possession or under his/her control, or attempt to possess, tobacco in any form, nor any device or paraphernalia of any kind that may be used for smoking. The use / possession of e-cigarettes and/or vaporizers are likewise prohibited on school grounds and at school sponsored events.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

16. Alcohol (See Policy 3102)

A student shall not sell, use, possess, attempt to possess, deliver, or be under any degree of influence (legal intoxication not required) of any alcoholic beverages.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

17. Inhalants/Chemical Substances (See Policy 3102)

A student shall not manufacture, sell, handle, possess, attempt to possess, use, deliver, transmit or be under any degree of influence (legal intoxication not required) of any inhalant or intoxicant of any kind. A student shall not inhale glue, aerosol paint, lighter fluid, reproduction fluid or other chemical substance for the purpose of becoming intoxicated (legal intoxication not required).

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

18. Drugs, Narcotic Drugs And Counterfeit Substances (See Policy 3102)

A student shall not manufacture, sell, possess, attempt to possess, use, deliver or transfer, or be under the influence (legal intoxication not required) of any drugs, narcotic drugs, marijuana, including byproducts such as THC, hallucinogen, stimulants, steroids, depressants or other controlled substances, or counterfeit substance, or a controlled substance analogue intended for human consumption, as defined in Article VII of the Public Health Code, being MCL 333.7101, et seq, or as defined in other Michigan or federal statute. If Article VII of the Public Health Code, being MCL 333.7101, et seq, is amended or repealed, then the definition of a drug, narcotic drug, controlled substance or counterfeit substance or a controlled substance analogue shall be as defined under the existing state or federal law.

A student shall not sell, deliver or transfer, or attempt to sell, deliver or transfer, any prescription or non-prescription drug, medicine, vitamin or chemical substance nor shall a student use, possess, or attempt to possess, these substances, or related paraphernalia, except according to the law or District policy/procedure.

A student shall not sell or represent a legal substance as an illegal or controlled substance or sell, manufacture, possess, use, deliver or transfer "designer" drugs.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion

19. Gambling

A student will not engage or attempt to engage in gambling activities. Any attempt to initiate or join in a gambling activity will result in administrative action.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

20. Improper Communication

A student shall not make or possess threatening, annoying, nuisance, vulgar and/or obscene communications; verbally, in writing, electronically (including social media,) or by gestures, to District personnel, guest teachers and student teachers, Board of Education members, chaperones, volunteers, other students or visitors to the school building.

Sexting

Sexting is illegal and may result in felony charges under Michigan law. Sexting is prohibited when conducted using school property or when it occurs on school grounds or at school-sponsored events or activities. In addition, sexting that occurs off school grounds or outside of school-sponsored activities, but nonetheless results in a disruption to the school environment, is prohibited.

Sexting occurs when individuals forward, send, use, share, view, or possess a sexually explicit image (including images generated through Artificial Intelligence) of themselves, peers, staff or other members of the school community via text messaging, email, social networking websites, and other electronic means.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

21. Threats

A student shall not threaten District personnel (including guest teachers and student teachers), students, volunteers, chaperones or other persons. A threat is words, writing or behavior that, in the judgment of the building administrator, would put a reasonable person in fear of imminent injury to persons or property.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

22. Indecency

A student shall not engage in conduct that is contrary to commonly recognized standards of decency and behavior, such as obscenity; indecent exposure; or the use of language in verbal or written form, in pictures, or in caricatures or gestures which are offensive to the general standards of propriety.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

23. Disruption Of School

A student shall not, by any type of conduct (violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, etc.), cause the disruption, disturbance, or obstruction of any District function, activity or event, nor shall he or she engage in any such conduct if such disruption or

obstruction is reasonably likely to result. Neither shall a student urge other students to engage in such conduct for the purpose of causing such disruption or obstruction.

While the following acts are not intended to be exclusive, they illustrate the kinds of offenses encompassed within this rule, but it must be remembered that any conduct that causes disruption or is likely to result in disruption, or interferes with the education process, is forbidden.

- Occupying any school building, school grounds, or a part thereof, without the permission of an administrator or teacher;
- Blocking normal pedestrian or vehicle traffic, the entrances or exits of any school building or corridor or room, without the permission of a school building staff member;
- Preventing, attempting to prevent, or interfering with the convening or continued functioning of any class, activity, meeting or assembly;
- Instigating or participating in a disturbance, or causing a disturbance that interrupts the educational opportunities of others or threatens the general health, safety and welfare of others on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

24. Gang Insignia/Activity

A student shall not wear or possess any clothing, jewelry, symbol or other object that may reasonably be perceived by District personnel or other students as evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang. A student shall not commit any act, verbal or non-verbal (gestures, handshakes, etc.), that may reasonably be perceived by District personnel or other students as evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang. A student shall not commit any act, verbal or non-verbal, in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to: (a) soliciting others for membership in any gang or gang related activity; (b) requesting any person to pay protection or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person; (c) committing any other illegal act or violation of District rules or policies; or, (d) inciting other students to act with physical violence on any person.

The term "gang", means a group of two or more persons whose purposes or activities include the commission of illegal acts or violations of this Code of Conduct, District rules or policies, or whose purpose or activities cause disruption, or is likely to cause disruption, to the educational process.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

25. Hazing (See Policy 5203)

Hazing is an intentional or reckless act directed against a student that endangers the student's physical or mental health or safety that is done for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, participating in, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization, activity, team, or social group. This Policy applies regardless of a student's consent, permission, or assumption of risk. Any student who engages in hazing may be subject to discipline.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to:

- physical brutality or punishment (e.g., whipping, beating, striking, branding, or placing a harmful substance on a student's body);
- physical activity that subjects a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects a student's physical or mental health or safety (e.g., sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, or undressing or exposing a student);
- consumption of food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substance that subjects a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects a student's physical or mental health or safety;
- an activity that induces, causes, or requires a student to commit a crime or an act of hazing;
- intentional humiliation or embarrassment of a student;
- detention or seclusion of a student; and
- other activities that subject a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affect a student's physical or mental health or safety.

Hazing does not include normal and customarily accepted activities (such as proper exercises and training) which are part of an athletic, physical education, military training, or similar program sanctioned by the School District.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

26. Discriminatory Harassment (See Policy 5202)

A student shall not engage in unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct relating to a person's race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, age, height, weight, familial status, marital status, military service, veteran status, genetic information, disability, or any other legally protected basis (e.g. sexual or racial comments, threats or insults, unwanted sexual touching, etc.). (See also Prohibited Act number 34 for Criminal Sexual Conduct.)

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

27. Threats and Intimidation of Witnesses

A student shall not coerce, intimidate, or threaten any person who is participating in an investigation or disciplinary proceedings conducted under the Student Code of Conduct, nor shall a student take any action that is designed to coerce, intimidate, or threaten the person.

Penalty - suspension to permanent expulsion.

28. Coercion, Extortion Or Blackmail

A student shall not commit or attempt to commit extortion, coercion, or blackmail. A student shall not secure, or attempt to secure, money or other items of value from an unwilling person, nor shall a student, by threats and/or violence, force another person to perform an unwilling act.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

29. Bullying (See Policy 5207)

Bullying, including cyberbullying, a student at school is prohibited. Bullying is any written, verbal, or physical act, or electronic communication that is intended to or that a reasonable person would know is likely to harm one or more students directly or indirectly by doing any of the following:

- i) substantially interfering with a student's educational opportunities, benefits, or programs;
- ii) adversely affecting a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the District's educational programs or activities by placing the student in reasonable fear of physical harm or by causing substantial emotional distress;
- iii) having an actual and substantial detrimental effect on a student's physical or mental health; or
- iv) causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the District's orderly operations.

The prohibition against bullying, including cyberbullying, applies to all activities in the District, including activities in a classroom, elsewhere on school premises, on a school bus or other school-related vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event whether or not it is held on school premises. This policy also applies to conduct using a telecommunications access device or telecommunications service provider that occurs off school premises if the telecommunications access device or the telecommunications service provider is owned by or under the control of the District. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

30. Physical Aggression/Fighting

A student shall not display physical aggression towards another student, teacher, guest teacher, student teacher, volunteers or other persons through acts which include, but are not limited to pushing, kicking, hitting, pinching and punching.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

31. Assault And/Or Battery on Another Person (See Policy 5206)

A student shall not physically assault, cause, or behave in such a way as to cause or threaten to cause physical injury to a District personnel (including guest teachers and student teachers), students, volunteers, chaperones or other persons (e.g., fighting).

Penalty - suspension to expulsion. For any physical assault of a school employee or a person engaged as a volunteer or contractor by the school board, by a student in grades 6-12, a mandatory expulsion may apply.

32. Vandalism

A student shall not intentionally cause or attempt to cause damage to school property or the property of another person.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

33. Theft / Possession of Property

A student shall not steal, attempt to steal, or knowingly be in the unauthorized possession of school property or the property of another person.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

34. Criminal Sexual Conduct (See Policy 5206)

A student shall not commit criminal sexual conduct as defined in Revised School Code Section 1311.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion. If committed in a school building or on school grounds, a mandatory expulsion may apply.

35. Criminal Acts

A student shall not commit or participate in any conduct or act defined as a crime by federal or state law or local ordinance.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

36. False Alarms (See Policy 5206-2)

A student shall not knowingly cause a false fire alarm, or make a false fire, bomb, or catastrophe report.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

37. Fire/Explosion (See Policy 5206-2)

A student shall not burn, or attempt to burn, any school building, structure or property; or intentionally set, or attempt to set, a fire on school property; or cause, or attempt to cause, an explosion. (See also Prohibited Act number 39 for Arson.)

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

38. Fireworks, Explosives, Chemical Substances (See Policy 5206-2)

A student shall not possess, attempt to possess, handle or transmit any substance or prepared chemical that can explode, is capable of inflicting bodily injury, or is reasonably likely to cause physical discomfort to another person. (See also Prohibited Act number 43 for Firearms & Other Destructive Devices)

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

39. Arson (See Policy 5206-2)

A student shall not commit arson as defined in Revised School Code Section 1311, in a school building or on school grounds.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion. If committed in a school building or on school grounds, a mandatory expulsion may apply.

40. Look-A-Like Weapons and Paraphernalia

A student shall not possess, attempt to possess, handle, or transmit any object or instrument that is a "look-a-like" weapons or instrument or related paraphernalia (e.g., starter pistol, rubber knife, toy gun, bullets, etc.).

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

41. Personal Protection Devices

A student shall not possess, attempt to possess, handle, or transmit a personal protection device (e.g., pepper gas, mace, stun gun, electric

shock device, etc.) capable of inflicting bodily injury or causing physical discomfort to another person.

Penalty – administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

42. Dangerous Weapons (See Policy 5206-2)

A student shall not possess, attempt to possess, handle, use or transmit a weapon or any object or instrument that can be considered or used as a weapon or is capable of inflicting bodily injury.

A student shall not possess, attempt to possess, handle or transmit a dagger, dirk, stiletto, or knife with a blade 3” or over in length; pocketknife opened by a mechanical device; iron bar; and/or brass knuckles in a weapons free school zone.

A “weapons free school zone” is any building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children or used for functions and events sponsored by a school, and any vehicle used by a school to transport students to or from school property.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

43. Firearms and Other Destructive Devices (See Policy 5206-2)

A student shall not possess, attempt to possess, handle, use or transmit a firearm or other destructive device.

“Firearm” means (i) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (ii) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (iii) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (iv) any destructive device. “Firearm” does not include an antique firearm, as defined by 18 USC § 921.

“Destructive device” means (i) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas (including a bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or similar device); (ii) any type of weapon (other than a shotgun or a shotgun shell that the Attorney General finds is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes) by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter; and (iii) any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

Penalty – administrative intervention to mandatory permanent expulsion.

44. Bomb Threat (See Policy 5206-2)

A student shall not make a bomb threat or similar threat directed at a school building, other district property or a school related event.

Penalty – administrative intervention to mandatory permanent expulsion.

45. Violations Of Building's Rules And Regulations

A student shall not commit or participate in any conduct or act prohibited by a school building's rules and regulations.

Penalty - administrative intervention to permanent expulsion.

46. Closed Campus – Lunch Hour (See Policy 5801)

Students in grades 6-12 are to remain in school throughout the school day, including the lunch period, unless otherwise authorized by the Administration.

Penalty – administrative intervention to suspension

47. General Misconduct

Incidences of general misconduct that do not otherwise fall under or meet the criteria of other prohibited acts in the Student Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions at the discretion of the building administrator.

Penalty – administrative intervention to suspension

Legal authority: 18 USC 921; 20 USC 1401 et seq., 7151; 29 USC 705, 794-794b; MCL 380.1308-1310, 380.1310a, 380.1310c, 380.1310d, 380.1310e, 380.1311, 380.1311a, 380.1312, 380.1313

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