

Student Expectations

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Agendas/Binders: At Tenaya Middle School, all students are provided with one free agenda and binder to record daily homework assignments, test schedules, grades, and assist them in learning organizational skills. Lost agendas must be replaced at student expense for a cost of \$5.00. **Students are expected to write all assignments in their agenda on a daily basis and return the completed assignments to their teachers on the required date.**

Attendance/Tardies: Students **are expected** to arrive at school on time and report to each period on time.

- Students who are habitually tardy to 1st period, defined as eight or more tardies, will be referred to an administrator for a parent conference and/or home visit. Parents may be referred to SART and students may face disciplinary action such as lunch detention(s).
- Students who receive 10+ tardies will be placed in our Tier II behavior support class during lunch and may be referred to SART (School Attendance Review Team). *Tardy calculation will start over each quarter.*

Bicycle & Skateboards

- Students are expected to WALK their bicycles on school grounds at all times.
- Students are expected to CARRY their skateboards on school grounds at all times.
- Always LOCK your bike, scooter or skateboard with a sturdy lock. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen bicycles or skateboards.
- Rollerblades or Wheelies **are NOT permitted** on campus **at any time**.
- Remember – if you ride your bicycle, scooter or skateboard – **helmets are required by law**.

Closed Campus: Students may not leave the school grounds at any time without authorization from the office.

- **Once students arrive at school they are not allowed to leave, even if school has not started. Students who leave will be marked truant and will be disciplined. Students who ride the bus are considered “on campus” as soon as they step foot on the bus. Bus riders are expected to enter school through the main entrance located by the office as soon as they arrive in the mornings.**
- Parents wishing to bring lunch for their child must bring it into the office. To ensure student safety, students are not allowed in front of the school at lunch time and are not permitted to retrieve food or other items from individuals in cars. Class will not be disrupted and the lunch will not be delivered. A note will be sent to the classroom and the student shall come pick up the lunch in the office. *Parents should take note of the bell schedule and allow adequate time. *A minimum of 20 minutes should be allowed.*
- **Food from delivery services will not be accepted.**
- STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LOITER ON CAMPUS AFTER SCHOOL unless they are attending an afterschool program or are at a school sporting event.

Field Trip Criterion:

- Students must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.
- No documented discipline or referrals 20 days prior to trip. Administration will review referral content for final determination of student's eligibility.
- Positive school attendance. Administration will review attendance for final determination of student's eligibility.

Yondr Bags: Cell Phones and Earbuds Board Policy 5131 and Ed Code 48901.5

MCSD desires for its students to Focus on Learning while on campus. School staff and many families agree that student use of cellular phones, applications, and other electronic signaling devices - including wireless earbuds - distract students all too often during the school day. On Tuesday, March 26, 2024 the Merced City School District Board of Education approved updates to its Board Policy (BP), 5131. Administrative Regulation (AR) has also been created to support the effective implementation of the BP. Impactful elements of the policy include:

"Cellular telephones or other mobile communication devices including, but not limited to, MP3 players, wireless earbuds, smartwatches, and/or any other device capable of transmitting and/or receiving data in the form of a voice, text message, and/or capable of accessing the Internet Such devices shall be turned off and stored away while on campus."

"Cellular telephones or other mobile communication devices may instead be placed into locked and sealed bags provided by a school if the school adopts usage of such a program to control and deter device usage during the school day."

MCSD Administration has worked together to create protocols and frequently asked questions so that we can clearly and intentionally inform families and students of our plan. Progressive Discipline If a student violates the district's cellular phone or other mobile communication device policy in the classroom, the consequences are:

Violation 1

- Staff gives the student a warning to turn off their device and put their device in their Yondr bag.
- Staff will document the violation in AERIES.

Violation 2

- Student will take their device to the school office to turn it into the administrator or designee.
- Staff will document the violation in AERIES.
- Students can pick up their device at the end of the school day.

Violation 3

- Student and device will be escorted to the front office by Staff. Office staff will hold the device until the end of the school day
- The administration will speak with the student and impose additional consequences;
- Staff will attempt to make parent contact and document the violation in AERIES.
- The administrator will add the student to the check-in list at the beginning of the school day.
- The administrator will use their discretion regarding who picks up the device

Violation 4

- Student and device will be escorted to the front office by Staff. Office staff will secure the device until the end of the school day
- **ONLY the parent/guardian can pick up the device.**
- **If the parent/guardian cannot pick up the phone at the end of the school day, they can pick it up anytime the next day during office hours.**
- The administration will speak with the student and impose additional consequences;
- Staff will make parent contact and document the violation in AERIES.
- The administrator will require the student to check the device into the office for a set period as determined by the site

Confiscation Procedures

- The device is brought into the school office.

- Staff will log the student's name, time, date, and the general condition of the device.
- Staff will place the device in the school office lockbox.
- Staff or designee will release the device to the appropriate recipient.
- Staff or designee will indicate the person and time the device was released.

Ingress Procedures

- Students are responsible for ensuring that their devices are locked in the Yondr pouch before they enter school gates.
- First period teachers or gate/yard duty supervisors may verify the Yondr pouch has been locked when students enter campus..
- Students who are on a "Check In/Check Out" should report to the front office to check in their devices.

Egress Procedures

- Students on a Check In/Check Out will go to the school office to pick up their devices.
- Students will unlock the Yondr bag at exterior gates when exiting the school campus.
- Students are subject to disciplinary action if their cell phone is out of the locked Yondr bag when on campus.

Emergency Protocols

In the event of an emergency the principal or designee will communicate with the command center to gather information regarding the situation. Parents/Guardians will be updated with relevant information as much as possible during the incident.

Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to be signed up for ParentSquare as this will be the main source of communication in the event of an emergency.

When authorized by the command center, the principal will inform staff of relevant information and when to unlock Yondr bags. The principal or designee will ensure that Yondr Unlocking Devices are at key locations in case of emergency. Age appropriate information will be shared with students as much as possible. Following the emergency, a summary of the incident including relevant information to parents/guardians, staff and students will be provided by the principal or district designee.

Lost, Damaged, or Stolen Yondr Pouches

Lost, damaged or stolen Yondr pouches will require replacement. The cost for a replacement Yondr Bag is estimated to be \$30 for the 25-26 school year.

Selfies and Other Social Media Related Issues

Students need to exercise extreme caution in sharing any photos of themselves with other students. If another student asks a student to send or share a nude or partially clothed photo of them they need to be aware that those photos are often shared with other students and to social media. It is dangerous and harmful to a student's self-image when this type of situation occurs. Please discuss this and other internet safety practices with your student.

Video Recording or Social Media Posting of Physical Altercations

It is absolutely against school policy to video a physical altercation on campus or receive it on a device. Being in possession of a physical altercation video violates the rights of the students involved. Students who video or receive video of a physical altercation may face Ed Code Violations subject to suspension and/or automatically be placed on a Check In/Check Out Device Plan. EC 48900a, 48900k

Social Relationships

Students are expected to show maturity and respect in their relationships. Any displays of affection (including, but not limited to, holding hands, hugging, and kissing) are considered inappropriate for school and school activities. Inappropriate displays of affection are considered infractions and students may be issued a detention. Habitual violations may result in parent contact and more severe disciplinary action.

Gum, Candy, Etc.: At Tenaya, we are very proud of our clean, neat grounds.

- Sunflower seeds, and nuts in the shell are **not** allowed on campus.
- NO GUM
- NO outside drinks other than those secured in a flask, thermos or otherwise sealable container are allowed on campus; water preferred
- NO Energy Drinks are allowed on campus
- If students eat on campus, they are expected to eat at the MPR picnic tables and dispose of trash in the garbage cans located around campus.

Homework Policy: The amount of time spent on homework for all classes should average sixty minutes per night. However, the amount of time devoted to homework each night will depend largely on how well the student organizes work, budgets time, and devotes attention to work. Homework is an extension of classroom work. Its completion complements the achievement of classroom goals.

Make-up Work: For an excused absence, students have two days to make up their work. It is the student's responsibility to contact teachers immediately upon their return to school and make arrangements as necessary. It may be possible to make up assignments missed due to unexcused absences or suspensions, but this is at each teacher's discretion. It is *the student's responsibility* to communicate with teachers regarding make-up work. This should be done electronically at the time of absence or the day the student returns to campus.

Textbooks & Chromebooks: Students are responsible for the care of all textbooks issued to them. Students will be charged for lost or damaged books. Students will be provided a chromebook for use in their courses. Students are expected to use the one-to-one student electronic devices (Chromebook) responsibly. No activity or communication sent on a school device should be considered private. It is a school device and is to be used for school purposes only.

- ★ Students need to bring their chromebook and charger to school each day.
- ★ Chromebooks should be fully charged when students arrive in the morning. Make charging the chromebook a part of the nightly routine; students may be issued a detention for not being prepared for class, i.e. not having their device and charger.
- ★ A chromebook serves as the textbook, paper and pencil in many classrooms, it is essential that students are prepared with their fully charged chromebook each and every day.

Personal Belongings: Students should NOT leave book bags, backpacks, purses, clothing, cell phones/Yondr bags or ANY personal items (including money) unattended in the locker rooms or on the school grounds. Students are assigned a locker and lock to lock up their belongings in the locker room during P.E. The school cannot guarantee the safety of items left unattended and assumes no responsibility for the theft or damage to such articles. Personal grooming devices such as curling irons, hair straighteners, etc, do not belong at school. Absolutely no glass perfume/cologne bottles are allowed on campus.

Sexual Harassment (Board Policy 5145.7): The Merced City School District is committed to an educational environment in which all students and staff members are treated with respect and dignity. Everyone has the right to learn or work in an environment that promotes equal educational opportunities, and is free from discriminatory practices. Therefore, Merced City School District strongly condemns, opposes, and prohibits sexual harassment of students and employees whether verbal, physical, or environmental, by anyone in or from the district. Any student who engages in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Any student who feels he or she is being harassed should immediately contact the Principal or Assistant Principals. Each complaint will be promptly investigated in a way that respects the privacy of all concerned.

Medications: ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE KEPT IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE. For exceptions and information about the procedures for keeping medication at school, contact the school office at 385-6631.

Student I.D. Cards: Tenaya Middle School students are **expected** to have their student ID cards and show them upon request by an adult. Students must show their ID cards to check out books, attend dances, attend sporting events, etc. Students may be required to show their ID card to enter campus. Students will receive one ID card at no cost to them. If a student loses their ID card, replacement ID cards can be purchased in Tenaya's office for

\$5.00. Student IDs may be scanned when students enter the school or during instructional class hours. To ensure the safety of the school, STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR ID CARDS WHEN ENTERING THE SCHOOL.

LUNCH PROCEDURES

- Students must know their ID numbers located on their Student ID Card.
- Students will be sent by a supervisor to enter the cafeteria. Students who misbehave or cut the line will be sent to the back of the line.
- Any student throwing food will be referred to the office or be assigned cafeteria clean-up duty. Habitual violations will result in disciplinary consequences.
- **No food or drink may leave the cafeteria or picnic area. Food must be consumed in the cafeteria or picnic area. Students who violate this rule may be issued a detention.**
- Students are expected to throw away their trash and clean up their area after eating in the cafeteria or picnic area.
- Students may choose not to eat, however they are still expected to follow cafeteria rules and lunch procedures.
- Students must follow directions and show respect to cafeteria and campus supervisors.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Activities for this section are defined as events in which a student actually competes or formally represents the school in a defined manner such as athletic events, band performances, speech or spelling contests, etc. Ineligible students may NOT practice, travel or perform with the team or organization. An ineligible student will not be allowed membership on a team after a roster is submitted, even if they become eligible at a later date within that season. In order to participate in extracurricular activities, the following requirements must be met:

Academic Requirements

- Determination of eligibility shall be based on the most recent grading period.
- Students must have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average during the preceding grading period and current quarter.
- The 2.0 grade point average will be reviewed from the previous year at Tenaya Middle School for fall sports.
- Progress reports will be run mid-season to verify student eligibility

Attendance Requirements

- Students may not participate in an activity, practice, and/or game on the days in which the student has been absent all day from school.

Behavioral Requirements

- Students must maintain positive behavior and citizenship.
- Discipline referrals may adversely affect eligibility.
- If a student has received a suspension, he/she is ineligible for extra-curricular activities for 20 school days from the day of their suspension.

HONOR ROLL

- **Honor Roll is defined as a 3.0 or higher GPA, NO Ds or Fs, and Good Citizenship.**
- **Good Citizenship is defined as no assertive discipline, no more than 3 steps in any given class during a marking period and no excessive non-dress out/loaner usage in PE.**

8th GRADE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A fundamental goal of the Merced City School District educational philosophy is to ensure that the student achieves proficiency in the core curriculum to prepare them for educational opportunities and careers. While working to meet this aim, a student may also qualify for the eighth grade diploma. To earn a diploma and to participate in graduation, a student must meet the following requirements:

- A. **Establish a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (64 points)**
 - 1. Grade values are computed as A=4 points, B=3 points, C=2 points, D=1 point, and F=0 points.
 - 2. A **cumulative** grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher will meet the “Basic” grade point requirements for graduation.
 - 3. The G.P.A. is the “average points” of **all grades in all subjects during the eighth grade school year.**
- B. **Maintain a high degree of citizenship** as evidenced by an understanding and acceptance of student responsibilities as outlined in the school handbook. A student referred to Tenaya Site Day School may receive a diploma but they will not be included in the graduation ceremony if enrolled in Tenaya Site Day School within the last 20 days prior to graduation.
- C. **Establish positive school attendance** that is characterized by fewer than 5% (9 days) unexcused absences, or 10% (18 days) excused absences. In unusual circumstances, exceptions may be approved by the principal.

Understand that the graduation ceremony, 8th grade trip, dance, luncheon, etc are all considered extracurricular activities. When a student is suspended from school, all extracurricular activities are suspended for 20 days, this includes graduation extracurricular activities. Therefore, a student who is suspended within 20 days of graduation or the date of these activities will not be allowed to participate, regardless of GPA or any other graduation requirements being met. No refunds for Marine World Trip.

Graduation Honors:

Students may earn Honor Cords or Medals for Academic Excellence, Club or Athletic Membership, Community Service, AVID, Language Re-classification and Attendance. The criteria for receiving graduation honor is defined by each club or organization. To receive an Academic Honor Cord a student must have a 3.5 or high cumulative GPA.

A = 4 points
B = 3 points
C = 2 points
D = 1 point
F = 0 points

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
1st Period				
2nd Period				
3rd Period				
4th Period				
5th Period				
6th Period				
7th Period				
TOTAL Points				
Total Pts divided by 7 = Quarter GPA				

To Calculate your Quarter GPA:

Total Points Divided by 7 = Grade Point Average

To Calculate your Cumulative GPA:

Total Points Earned Divided by

7 (1st Quarter),
 14 (2nd Quarter),
 21 (3rd Quarter),
 28 (4th Quarter).

A minimum of 56 Points must be earned during your 8th grade year to participate in graduation (2.0 GPA)

A minimum of 96 Points must be earned during your 8th grade year to earn a Gold Honor Cord (3.5+ GPA)

112 Points must be earned during your 8th grade year to earn the 4.0+ Multi-Color Honor Cord (4.0+ GPA)

A minimum 2.0 GPA, or 14 points for the previous grading period is required to participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, dances and Leadership.

Tenaya Middle School Dress Code

Dress Code Policy: Tenaya Middle School students are expected to Dress for Success! The purpose of the dress code is to encourage students to come to school properly attired to participate in the educational process and school-sponsored activities. A student shall not attend school, nor participate in school related activities dressed in a manner which:

- Creates a safety hazard
- Constitutes a distraction to the learning process
- Disrupts campus order
- Conflicts with District Board Policy and Regulations regarding the prevention of substance abuse and gang activity.
- Displays or promotes controlled substances for minors (alcohol, marijuana, nicotine, etc) guns/weapons. *This includes items with *Cookies* or any other connection to a controlled substance.

The dress code is effective August 2024 and is strictly enforced. Please abide by the dress code at all times during school hours and while at school sponsored activities. Parents and students have the primary responsibility to see that proper attire is worn to school. Students who are not following the dress code policy will be asked to change their clothes. If they have no clothes to change into, the school may call home for a change of clothes to be brought to school or students may be issued loaners, or access our Warrior Closet to find appropriate clothing. Detentions may be issued for dress code violations.

Only non-modified school hats, bills worn forward, specific to Tenaya Middle School are allowed. Other hats, caps, or other types of head coverings may not be worn indoors, except for special dress-up days, school-related hats or caps, or for religious cultural observance. Students may wear sun-protective clothing outdoors during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

Hoodies must be worn “down” at all times while on campus. No Stocking Caps or Beanies may be worn with the exception of outside only during the winter/cold season typically defined as after Thanksgiving Vacation (late November) through Presidents Week Vacation (middle of February).

Pants must be worn at the waist and cannot sag or bag. (Board Policy 5132)

The following are NOT permitted:

- Colors that promote or reference gang activity (EC35183)
NO *SOLID REDDISH or BLUEISH, Shirts (long or short sleeved), Sweatshirts, Blouses, Jackets, Hats/Beanies or Shoes, Shoe laces of any kind- NO SOLID RED OR BLUE!
 - **To not be considered a “solid” the item must have a logo at least the size of the students’ hand or 25% of the item, whichever is greater.*
- **Attire which does not cover both male and female students’ undergarments, buttocks, breasts, stomachs, midriffs, back, shoulders or sides, is NOT allowed.**
- Outer garments, such as shorts and skirts must reach at least mid-thigh.
 - Ripped jeans should not have rips above the mid thigh. *Leggings or shorts must be worn to cover any skin above mid-thigh. ***The inseam of shorts must be at least 3 inches or come to mid-thigh.**
- All professional and college sports jerseys, accessories, shirts, lanyards, key holders etc. (with the exception of College and Career Wednesdays where college attire is allowed)
- Clothing with reference to So Cal, Nor Cal, Cen Cal, Cali Life Style, Marilyn Monroe, Bay Area etc.
- 187 Inc. South Pole, most Fatal shirts, Items with specific California cities, geographic areas or area codes.
- **Items with a reference to the California flag map, star or bear, Cali.**
- Items with reference to North, South, West, or East Side
- Bandanas or clothing that resembles a bandana regardless of color.
- **Belt buckles with any letters or numbers.**
- **Pajama tops or bottoms (Ex: NO red and black checkered pajama bottoms)**
- Shower shoes, slippers, sock-like footwear, shoes with wheels, or flip-flops *All shoes must have a backstrap. Crocs must have the strap across the heel (sport mode).
- Sleeveless shirts or tops.
- All clothing, pants, shorts, skirts and shirts must be clean, and not more than one size larger than the students’ actual size. Pants must be worn at the waist and cannot sag or bag. Shorts, skirts and dresses shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.

BEHAVIOR RULES AND PROCEDURES

At Tenaya Middle School students are expected to behave at all times in a manner that will bring credit to themselves, their team, their school, family and community. It is important for students to recognize they are responsible for their behavior on the way to and from school, during school hours, on the bus and all school sponsored events. Tenaya monitors student behavior and provides a safe and productive environment. We want students to develop habits of mind that reinforce respect and responsibility.

Guest Teachers (Substitutes):

We are fortunate to have guest teachers and substitutes when our teachers are absent. A substitute teacher deserves the highest courtesy and cooperation from students at all times. **Students may receive an automatic referral to administration for any misbehavior with a substitute teacher.**

5 Step Behavior Process

MINOR BEHAVIORS

It is the expectation that students **follow all school rules outlined in this handbook, those outlined in individual teacher classrooms, as well as meet the expectations of the Big 5 Behavior Matrix.** Students who have any infractions will have consequences. Unless otherwise explained, for example the cell phone policy, minor behaviors including, but not limited to those below will result in a Step in the given teacher's classroom and may result in a classroom time-out, or detention during breaks, lunch or after school.

- Hoodies On (Must be worn down at all times)
- Rude, ignoring, or disrespectful to any staff member or fellow students
- PDA- Public Displays of Affection
- Horseplay, pushing, shoving
- Inappropriate Language
- Defiance, refusal to attempt work
- Cafeteria Issue
- Disobeying a Classroom Rule or Expectation
- Other Minor Incidents

CONSEQUENCES:

- For each step, students receive verbal redirection from an adult and may be sent to the detention supervisor to complete a reflection form and/or receive counsel.
- After the 2nd Step, Parent Contact may be made via a phone call, ParentSquare, written note, email or conference. Teachers also may issue a lunch or after school detention.
- A 5th Step will result in an Office Referral.

Habitual Violation of Minors may result in any combination of the following:

- Student being placed in a Tier II Intervention Class (loss of elective)
- Site Day School Program
- Loss of privileges such as extracurricular activities.

At Tenaya Middle School we use an assertive and progressive discipline system based on clear expectations for student behavior and clear consequences for not fulfilling them. Our goal is to maintain a **safe and orderly instructional environment where teachers can teach and students can learn. It is expected that all students will follow the directions of all adults who work on campus at all times.**

The consequences assigned for a particular incident are determined by the severity of the incident as well as the student's status in the discipline management system.

A STUDENT WILL RECEIVE IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCES FOR *MAJOR BEHAVIORS/Violations of Ed Code 48900

Students that are suspended due to a Major Behavior will lose the privilege to attend or participate in Tenaya Middle School extracurricular activities for a minimum of 20 days and may be placed in Site Day School.

Fighting results in Tier 2 Intervention or Site Day School Placement.

CONSEQUENCES FOR FIGHTING INCIDENTS OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ON CAMPUS:

- Parent Contact
- Suspension and or Loss of Privileges (Athletics, Dances, and other Extracurricular Activities)
- Site Day School Program or Tenaya Middle School Behavior Intervention

California Education Codes School Discipline

- Fighting/assault (EC 48900 a)
- Videotaping a fight (EC 48900a, 48900K)
- Possession of dangerous objects, knives, or simulated weapons (EC 48900b)
- Possession of alcohol, vape pens, tobacco, drug paraphernalia, edibles, or any intoxicant (EC 48900c)
- Under the influence of drugs or alcohol (EC 48900c)
- Bullying/Cyber Bullying/Intentional Harassment (EC 48900r)
- Sexual harassment- this includes sexual comments or touching a another student (including butt slapping, pantsing, neck slapping, etc) (EC 48900i)
- Vandalism (EC48900f)
- Theft/stolen property (EC 48900g)
- Terroristic threats (threaten to commit a crime that would reasonably result in death, terror, serious injury, or serious physical property damage)

CONSEQUENCES:

- Parent Contact
- Suspension
- Loss of all school privileges.
- Recommend RAFT Program for drug offenses
- Placement in Site Day School

Education Code 48900 (i): Obscene, Vulgar, or Profanity

The use of obscene, vulgar, or profanity is strictly prohibited at Tenaya Middle School and is a direct violation of school policy. Such language creates a disruptive and disrespectful environment and will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Incidents involving obscene or inappropriate language will be addressed through our progressive discipline policy, with consequences increasing in severity for repeated offenses. Our goal is to maintain a safe, respectful, and positive learning environment for all students.

Education Code 48900.3: Hate Violence / Racial Slurs

The use of racial slurs or any form of hate speech is strictly prohibited at Tenaya Middle School and is a serious violation of school policy. Hate speech creates a hostile environment and undermines the safety and well-being of all students. Any incident involving racial slurs or hate violence will result in progressive disciplinary action, with increasing consequences for repeated offenses. Tenaya Middle School is committed to ensuring a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for every student.

Tenaya Site Day School: Tenaya's Site Day School is an alternative educational placement. Students will be placed in a self-contained classroom with one teacher all-day. Students will continue to receive grade level instruction. However, students will receive behavior, counseling and other support to help the student be successful

in regular instruction. Once completing the program and exit process, students may return to their regular classes. Students do not have access to extracurricular activities while in Site Day School and remain in probationary status for 20 school days following their exit.

Mandatory Recommendation for Expulsion per CA Ed Code

MANDATORY RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION PER CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE 48915C

- Possessing, selling or furnishing a firearm.
- Brandishing a knife at another person.
- Unlawfully selling a controlled substance.
- Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery.
- Possession of a destructive Device.

CONSEQUENCES:

- Parent Contact and Pick Up
- 5 Day Suspension
- RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE ON BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE *Students who display inappropriate behavior may be subject to suspension as outlined in the **California State Education Code 48900 and 48915**. A student may be suspended or expelled for acts which are related to school activities.*

EDUCATION CODE, SECTION 48900:

- (a) (1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
- (2) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.
- (b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
- (c) Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, a controlled substance.
- (d) Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance.
- (e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- (f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- (g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- (h) Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel.
- (i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- (j) Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia.
- (k) (1) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.
- (l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- (m) Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, "imitation firearm" means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
- (n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.
- (o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for purposes of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both.
- (p) Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- (q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing.
- (r) Engaged in an act of bullying. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - (1) "Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils as defined in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:
 - (A) Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil's or those pupils' person or property.
 - (B) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
 - (C) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
 - (D) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.
 - (2) (A) "Electronic act" means the creation and transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - (i) A message, text, sound, or image.
 - (ii) A post on a social network Internet Web site, including, but not limited to:
 - (I) Posting to or creating a burn page. "Burn page" means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1).
 - (II) Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.
 - (III) Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
 - (3) "Reasonable pupil" means a pupil, including, but not limited to, an exceptional needs pupil, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with his or her exceptional needs.
- (s) A pupil shall not be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in this section unless the act is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district or principal or occurring within any other school district. A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated in this section and related to a school activity or school attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - (1) While on school grounds.
 - (2) While going to or coming from school.
 - (3) During the lunch period whether on or off the campus.
 - (4) During, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

STUDENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN A FIGHT OR IN POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MAY BE PLACED IN SITE DAY SCHOOL and will lose all privileges, including THEIR GRADUATION. (Students in Site Day School within 20 days of graduation do not qualify for the graduation ceremony/activities)

Students who are home suspended are ineligible to attend and/or participate in any extracurricular activities/sports, etc. for 20 school days upon return from their home suspension. Home suspensions are UNEXCUSED ABSENCES and make up work is AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.

