

## STUDENT CONDUCT (Zero Tolerance)

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a way that exhibits respect and consideration for the rights of others. Students of the District must conform with school regulations and accept directions from authorized school personnel. The Board has “zero tolerance” of violent, disruptive, harassing, intimidating, bullying or any other inappropriate behavior by its students.

A student who fails to comply with established school rules or with any reasonable request made by school personnel on school property and/or at school-related events is subject to approved student discipline regulations. Students are also subject to discipline, as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct for misbehavior that occurs off school property when the misbehavior endangers the health and safety of students within the District or adversely affects the education process. The Superintendent/designee develops regulations which establish strategies ranging from prevention to intervention to address student misbehavior, and provides continuing instruction in dating violence prevention in health education courses in grades 7 through 12.

Students and parents receive, at the beginning of each school year or upon enrolling in the District schools during the year, written information on the rules and regulations to which they are subject while in school or participating in any school-related activity or event. The information includes the types of conduct which are subject to suspension or expulsion from school or other forms of disciplinary action. The Board directs the administration to make all students aware of the Student Code of Conduct and the fact that any violations of the Student Code of Conduct are punishable. The rules also apply to any form of student misconduct directed at a District official or employee or the property of a District official or employee, regardless of where the misconduct occurs.

If a student violates this policy or the Student Code of Conduct, school personnel, students or parents should report the student to the appropriate principal. The administration cooperates in any prosecution pursuant to the criminal laws of the state of Ohio and local ordinances.

A student may be expelled for up to one year if he/she commits an act that inflicts serious physical harm to persons or property if it was committed at school, on other school property or at a school activity, event or program.

The Superintendent is authorized to expel a student from school for a period not to exceed one year for making a bomb threat to a school building, or to any premises at which a school activity is occurring at the time of the threat. Any expulsion under this provision extends, as necessary, into the school year following the school year in which the incident that gives rise to the expulsion takes place.

Matters which might lead to a reduction of the expulsion period include the student's mental and/or physical characteristics or conditions, the age of the student and its relevance to the punishment, the prior disciplinary history of the student and/or the intent of the perpetrator.

The Student Code of Conduct is made available to students and parents and is posted in a central location within each building.

#### Substance Abuse Offenses

Whenever a student is suspended or expelled from school in accordance with ORC 3313.66 for the possession of alcohol or drugs, the Superintendent may notify the registrar of motor vehicles and the juvenile judge of the county of the suspension or expulsion of the student. After receiving such notification, the registrar of motor vehicles is required to suspend the temporary instruction permit or driver's license of the student who is the subject of the notice. If a temporary permit or license has not been issued for that student, the registrar is prohibited from issuing a temporary permit or license. Driving privileges may be restored once the Superintendent notifies the registrar that the student has satisfied any conditions established by the Superintendent.

Notification to the registrar of motor vehicles and the county judge must comply with ORC 3319.321 and with the U.S. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and accompanying regulations.

In accordance with State law, a student whose driving privileges have been denied can file a petition with the juvenile court in which he/she resides.

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LEGAL REFS.: Gun-Free Schools Act; 20 USC 8921  
The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.  
Children's Internet Protection Act; 47 USC 254(h)(5)(b)(iii); (P.L. 106-554,  
HR 4577, 2000, 114 Stat 2763)  
ORC 3313.20; 3313.534; 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.662; 3313.66

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination  
EBC, Emergency/Safety Plans  
ECAB, Vandalism  
EDE, Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)  
JFCA, Student Dress Code  
JFCEA, Gangs  
JFCF, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)  
JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools  
JFCK, Use of Electronic Communication Equipment by Students  
JG, Student Discipline  
JGA, Corporal Punishment  
JGD, Student Suspension  
JGDA, Emergency Removal of Student  
JGE, Student Expulsion  
Student Handbooks