

STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

GENERAL POLICY

A good learning situation requires an acceptance of the need for an orderly environment on the part of students. Teaching effectiveness is enhanced when good order is maintained and the necessity for this is accepted by the students.

The ultimate objective of the disciplinary procedures in the schools of District 147 is the development of self-discipline. Administrators, teachers, parents and student must work cooperatively to create a learning environment conducive to the fulfillment of this objective.

The Board of Education directs that corporal punishment is not to be administered in the Schools of District 147.

In the schools the following actions by the principal for all major offenses and/or some minor offenses may be warranted:

- 1) Conference with teacher
- 2) Conference with student
- 3) Conference with teacher and student
- 4) Phone call to parent
- 5) Conference with parent, student and teacher
- 6) Referral to SSRC Team
- 7) Detention assignment
- 8) Removal from class (temporary or permanent)
- 9) Suspension
- 10) Expulsion

The severity of a problem that the student becomes involved in will determine the action or combination of actions to be taken by the principal, administrator, or Board.

A pupil may be suspended or expelled for gross disobedience or misconduct. Gross disobedience or misconduct shall include one or more of the following offenses:

- 1) Fighting
- 2) Forgery
- 3) Use of obscene or abusive language
- 4) Insubordination (refusal to obey established and well defined rules and school regulations of school personnel)
- 5) Extortion
- 6) Intimidation or threats
- 7) Assault and battery. School District #147 has a no tolerance policy in regards to

violent acts, and all other infractions of the student behavior code that are suspendable/expulsion violations.

- 8) Damage to school, school property, or property of school personnel
- 9) Burglary
- 10) Theft
- 11) False fire alarm
- 12) Arson
- 13) Possession and/or use of weapons
- 14) Possession, distribution, or use of drugs
- 15) Smoking

In general, expulsion is a last resort or response to clear and present danger in student (s) behavior, substantial disruption, or material interference with school activities, whether these activities take place in school, on school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored function. Often expulsion is a response to a chronic pattern of behavioral offenses cited in the above fifteen items or multiple suspensions.

Specific areas of gross disobedience or misconduct which may warrant student expulsion immediately are:

- 1) Extortion
- 2) Gang recruitment
- 3) Arson or attempted arson
- 4) Destruction or theft of school/staff property
- 5) Battery against students or staff
- 6) Possession of dangerous weapons
- 7) Repeated triggering false fire alarms
- 8) Possession of, distribution of, or use of controlled substances or illegal drugs and/or alcohol

A copy of the charges will be initialed by the pupil indicating receipt of the same from the principal. When a pupil's presence poses continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, the principal may remove the student from school immediately. The parents shall be notified of the length of the suspension, the reasons and therefore, shall be advised of their rights to a review hearing on the matter. Such review hearing to be held as soon as practicable for all involved parties.

In case of an expulsion, the student and student's parents shall be notified of the reasons for the expulsion, including a copy of the rules and regulations allegedly violated, the length of the expulsion (not to exceed the current school term) and the date, time, and place of the hearing. No expulsion may take place until after the school board hearing.

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SPECIFIC INFRACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION(S)

Prior to all out-of-school suspensions, a conference will be held with the student referred. A conference between the student, parents or legal guardian of the student, the staff member initiating the referral and/or the principal or his/her designee will be held before the student is re-admitted to school, unless otherwise arranged by the administrative staff.

Whenever a parent conference is mandatory, the student may not return to school until the parent or guardian appears for the conference.

In some cases, a suspension from school can be avoided if the parent or legal guardian of the student offender is willing to report to all classes with his/her child for the entire period that would result from an out-of-school suspension. This is called "Parental Supervision." Another alternative to an out-of-school suspension is parental involvement and active participation in the Home/School Connection Program. [This also includes other programs deemed appropriate by school authorities.] Both alternatives are strictly voluntary. "Parental Supervision" is not available more than twice each school year.

The number of suspension days involves school days only. Holidays and weekends are not included.

DETENTION (S)

All detentions will be administered in accordance to the Discipline Policy. When a detention is not served, a suspension is automatic. All references to the principal should be interpreted to mean the principal or in his/her absence, the principal's designee.

LOCKER SEARCH

Our staff reserves the right to search lockers any time that we suspect that the locker (s) may contain weapon (s), drug (s), or other illegal item (s). Only locks purchased from the school may be placed on the lockers.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

All in-school suspensions will be administered in accordance to the discipline policy. Parental notification of in-school suspensions will be made by phone and/or mail.

OFFENSES AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

ANY DETENTION(S) NOT SERVED WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, AND/OR OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

OFFENSES

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Section 1

Being at your locker without written permission (pass), bringing radios, cellular phones, beepers to school. Radios, cellular phones, and beepers will remain in the Dean's Office until parent conference.

First Offense: Detention and/or Parent Conference
Second and Following Offenses: Parent Conference and In-School Suspension (1 to 5 days)

Section 2

Three (3) unexcused class tardies, and/or in hall without pass.
Three (3) unexcused tardies to school

First and following offenses – detention in and/or in-school suspension
First offense – in-school suspension and parent conference (1 to 5 days)

Cuts Class

Second and following offenses – See section 3
First offense and following offenses – in-school suspension or detention

Section 3

Truancy

First and following offenses - conference with teacher, parent, student and attendance officer. Referrals to appropriate agencies when necessary. ***The names of all suspected truants will be submitted to the County Truant Officer for possible court action.***

Section 4

Fighting (in the school building, harassment, intimidation, on your way to and from school, on the school bus, during school related activities or on grounds)

First and following offenses – 1 to 10 days out-of-school or in-school suspension and/or recommendation for expulsion. Students must attend conflict resolution school sessions.

Eighth grade students who have three fights will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremony or activities.

Section 5

Stealing

First and following offenses – out of school suspension (1 to 10 days) and/or recommendation for expulsion.

Section 6

Damage or defacement to school, staff or student's property

First and following offenses – out of school suspension (1 to 10 days) and payment for damaged property, removal of defacement and/or recommendation for expulsion.

Section 7

Disregard for the safety of others: running, pushing, shoving in the halls, classrooms, lunchroom, auditorium, gym, pool area or while lining up to enter school.

First offense – detention*
Second offense – detention* and parent conference
Third and following offenses – in-school suspension (1 to 5 days)

Section 8

Possession of cigarettes and/or smoking in school and/or on school grounds. An area of 200 feet in any direction from school will be considered school grounds.

First and following offenses – 1 to 10 days out-of-school suspension

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<i>Section 9</i> Possession and/or use of dangerous weapon(s) (guns, knives, chains, sticks, brass knuckles, locks, etc.)	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (10 days) and/or recommendation for expulsion. Local police department will also be notified.
<i>Section 10</i> Possession, distribution or use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol.	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (10 days) and recommendation for expulsion. Local police department will also be notified.
<i>Section 11</i> Use of profanity.	First and following offenses – in-school suspension (1 to 5 days) and/or out-of-school suspension (1 to 10 days). Student must attend conflict resolution session(s).
<i>Section 12</i> Pulling false fire alarm and/or tampering with safety equipment	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (5 to 10 days) and/or recommendation for expulsion. A report will be made with the local police department will also be notified. Parents must pay for services rendered by fire department.
<i>Section 13</i> Arson or attempted arson	First and following offenses – 1 to 10 days out-of-school or in-school suspension and/or recommendation for expulsion. Students must attend conflict resolution school sessions.
<i>Section 14</i> Stealing	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (10 days) and/or recommendation for expulsion. Local police department will also be notified.
<i>Section 15</i> Threatening bodily harm to a staff member	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (1 to 10 days) and/or recommendation for expulsion. Local police department may be notified.
<i>Section 16</i> Battery: hitting a staff member	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (10 days) and/or recommendation for expulsion. Local police department will be notified.
<i>Section 17</i> Throwing snowballs	First offense – detention*. Second and following offenses – in-school suspension (1 to 5 days).
<i>Section 18</i> Misbehavior on school bus	First offense – Conference between the student, parent and principal and loss of bus privileges for five (5) school days. Second offense – conference with parent, student and principal and loss of riding privileges for ten (10) days. Third offense – loss of riding privileges for the remainder of school year.
<i>Section 19</i> Misbehavior during school assemblies	First offense – removal from assembly and parent conference. Second offense – removal from assembly and parent conference. Third offense – removal from assembly for the remainder of the school year.

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<i>Section 20</i> Gangs – wearing or making symbols starting gang slogans, writing gang symbols and slogans on clothing and/or property.	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (1 to 10 days). Local police will be notified.
<i>Section 21</i> Gangs – recruitment and/or extortion	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (10 days) and/or expulsion. A police report may be made.
<i>Section 22</i> Severely disruptive behavior (dated details of this offense must be on the student’s referral)	First offense – parent conference will be required and student must attend conflict resolution session(s). Second and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (1 to 10 days) and/or a recommendation for expulsion if a chronic pattern of disruption continues.
<i>Section 23</i> Leaving the building without official permission during school hours	First and following offenses – in-school suspension. Out-of-school suspension (1 to 10 days) and/or expulsion. Parents will be notified.
<i>Section 24</i> Insubordination – refusal to obey a staff member’s directives. Explicit details of this offense must be on the student’s referral.	First offense – in-school suspension (1 to 5 days) and parent conference. Second and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (1 to 10 days). Repeated offenders will not be able to participate in any school activity. Student must attend conflict resolution session(s).
<i>Section 25</i> In school without school uniform. Girl’s uniform consists of a long or short sleeve plain white blouse, midnight blue four (4) box pleated skirt, black shoes, navy, blue and/or white socks/tights. Boy’s uniform consists of long or short sleeve plain white shirt, midnight blue pants, black, white or navy blue socks, black shoes and an appropriate belt.	First offense – parent conference Second offense – in-school suspension (1 to 5 days) Third offense – out-of-school suspension Fourth Offense – expulsion recommended
<i>Section 26</i> Inappropriate or excessive make-up or jewelry.	First offense – student is to remove make-up or jewelry. Jewelry will be placed in the principal’s office until the end of the school day or picked up by a parent. Second and following offenses – in-school suspension (1 to 5 days) and parent conference.
<i>New students have ten (10) school days to comply with Board Policy on uniforms.</i>	
<i>Section 27</i> Bicycles are not to be ridden to school and are not allowed on school grounds.	First offense – parent conference. Second and following offenses – detention*
<i>Section 28</i> Forgery (hall passes, report cards, excuses notes)	First and following offenses – out-of-school suspension (1 to 10 days) and parent conference