

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The principal may suspend and/or recommend expulsion of a student who engages in one or more of the following specific activities while in school buildings, on school grounds, on district property, at district sanctioned activities or events, when being transported in any vehicle dispatched by the district or one of its schools, or off school property when such conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular or non-curricular activities or events. Suspension or expulsion shall be mandatory for serious violations in a school building or on school property.

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property or stealing or attempting to steal school property of value.
2. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person except in self-defense.
4. Commission of any act which if committed by an adult would be robbery or first-or second-degree assault as defined by state law. Expulsion shall be mandatory in accordance with state law.
5. Violation of criminal law.
6. Violation of district or building regulations.
7. Violation of the district's policy on dangerous weapons in the schools. Expulsion shall be mandatory for carrying, bringing, using, or possessing a dangerous weapon without the authorization of the school or district, unless the student accidentally brings such a weapon and reports its presence to a teacher, administrator or other authorized person in the district as soon as it is discovered. This is in accordance with state law and policy JICI, Weapons in Schools.
8. Violation of the district's alcohol use/drug abuse policy. Expulsion shall be mandatory for the distribution, trade, exchange, or sale of drugs or controlled substances, in accordance with state law.
9. Violation of the district's smoking and use of tobacco policy.
10. Violation of the district's policy on sexual harassment.
11. Throwing objects, except as part of a supervised school activity, which can cause bodily injury or damage property.
12. Directing profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or visitors to the school.
13. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name calling, gender, ethnic, racial, sexual orientation, or gender identity of expression slurs, or derogatory statements addressed publicly to others that precipitate disruption of the school program or incite violence.
14. Committing extortion, coercion, or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or other objects of value from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force.
15. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing, to a school employee.
16. Scholastic dishonesty, which includes but is not limited to cheating on a test, altering student records, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
17. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority.
18. Behavior on or off school property that is detrimental to the welfare, safety, or morals of other students or school personnel.
19. Repeated interference with the school's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.
20. Non-compliance with the school or district student dress code,
21. Use and/or possession of fireworks or ammunition.

22. Bringing or possessing items that are disruptive to the educational process or a positive school climate.
23. Engaging in "hazing" activities such as forcing prolonged physical activity, forcing excessive consumption of any substance, forcing prolonged deprivation of sleep, food or drink, or any other behavior, which recklessly endangers the health, or safety of an individual for purposes of initiation into any student group.
24. Engaging in bullying behavior.
25. Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a district employee to law enforcement or to the district.

Each principal shall post a copy of these rules in a prominent place in each school and shall distribute a copy to each student. Copies also shall be available to any patron of the district upon request.

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Legal refs.: C.R.S. 12-22-303 (7) definition of controlled substance  
C.R.S. 18-3-202 et seq. offenses against persons  
C.R.S. 18-4-301 et seq. offenses against property  
C.R.S. 18-9-124 (2)(a) prohibition of hazing  
C.R.S. 22-12-105 (3) authority to suspend or expel for false accusations  
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2) (a)(I) and (II) duty to adopt policies; safe schools law  
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(9) immunity provisions  
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(a-f) grounds for suspension, expulsion, and denial of admission

Cross refs.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity  
ADC/GBED, Tobacco-Free Schools  
ADD, Safe Schools  
ECAC, Vandalism  
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety  
JBBA\*, Sexual Harassment of a Student by Students or School Personnel  
JIC, Student Conduct and Sub codes  
JK, Student Discipline  
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students/Denial of Admission