

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Students in third grade and higher grade levels**

The principal may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student who engages in one or more of the following activities while in school buildings, on District property, when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the District or one of its schools, during a school-sponsored or District-sponsored activity or event and off school property when the conduct has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular event.

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or stealing or attempting to steal District property of value.
2. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Commission of any act which if committed by an adult would be robbery or assault as defined by state law.
4. Violation of criminal law which has an effect on the District or on the general safety or welfare of students or staff.
5. Violation of district policy or building regulations.
6. Violation of the district's policy on weapons in the schools. In accordance with federal law, expulsion will be mandatory for bringing or possessing a firearm.
7. Violation of the district's alcohol use/drug abuse policy.
8. Violation of the district's tobacco-free schools policy.
9. Violation of the district's policy prohibiting sexual or other harassment.
10. Violation of the district's policy on nondiscrimination.
11. Throwing objects, unless part of a supervised school activity, that can cause bodily injury or damage property.
12. Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or others.
13. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name calling, making a threat of harm to other individuals or property, ethnic or racial 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, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
17. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority including deliberate refusal to obey a member of the school staff.
18. Behavior on or off District property which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel, including behavior that creates a threat of physical harm to the student exhibiting the behavior or to one or more other students.
19. Repeated interference with the school's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.
20. Engaging in "hazing" activities, i.e., 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.
21. Violation of the District's dress code policy.
22. Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a District employee to law enforcement or to the District.
23. Violation of the District's policy on bullying prevention and education.
24. Willful destruction or defacing of District property.
25. Violation of the District's violent and aggressive behavior policy.
26. Violation of the District's policy on gangs and gang-like activity.

### **Students in preschool through second grade**

In accordance with applicable law and District policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions, and other disciplinary interventions, the principal or designee may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student in preschool, kindergarten, first grade, or second grade who engages in one or more of the following activities while on District property, in a school building, in a District or school vehicle, at a District or school activity or event, or off District property when the conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular or non-curricular event:

1. Violation of the District's policy on weapons in the schools. Expulsion will be mandatory for bringing or possessing a firearm, in accordance with federal law.
2. Violation of the District's policy on student conduct involving drugs and alcohol.
3. Conduct that endangers the health or safety of others.

Further guidance for disciplinary action can be found in the District's "Behavior Management Matrix."

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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 person)  
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) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)  
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(I)(A) (duty to adopt policies on student conduct, safety and welfare)  
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(II) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)  
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(9) (immunity provisions in safe schools law)  
C.R.S. 22-33-106(1)(a-g) (grounds for suspension, expulsion, denial of admission)  
C.R.S. 22-33-106.1(suspension and expulsion for students in preschool through second grade)

CROSS REFS.: S-16: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity  
S-30: Tobacco Use in or on School Property  
F-9: Vandalism  
NNP-39: Staff Personal Security and Safety  
S-12: Student Conduct and Discipline  
S-41: Student Dress Code and Wellness Measures  
T-6: Student Conduct on School Vehicles  
S-31: Bullying Prevention and Education  
S-40: Gang-Related Behaviors and Dress  
S-29: Drug, Alcohol, and Controlled Substance Offenses by Students  
S-17: Weapons in School  
S-21: Suspension/Expulsion of Students