

# **Category: Inappropriate Comments & Gestures**

**Definition:** Comments and gestures that are disrespectful and inappropriate in the school setting. These include—but are not limited to—comments or gestures referring to race, religion, sexual preference, gender identity, general ability, appearance, and ethnic or cultural heritage.

## **Appropriate Behaviors Include**

- Encouragement

## **Inappropriate Behaviors Include**

- Glaring, leering, or eye rolling
- Sexual gestures
- Coughing on peers (level 3)
- Acting as though you are ill

## **Level of Offense**

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### **Level 1**

- > Behaviors that mildly disrupt the learning

- Comments regarding illegal or elicit behaviors
- Derogatory remarks
- Disrespectful gestures such as eye rolling, glaring, or leering
- Acting as though you are ill

### **Level 2**

- > Behaviors that substantially disrupt learning, indicate disregard for the safe environment of the school, or that could endanger others

- Use of slurs
- Inappropriate jokes about major social and historical events
- Derogatory remarks
- Gestures that are derogatory or sexual in nature
- Continued acting as though you are ill

### **Level 3**

- > Behaviors that substantially disrupt learning, indicate disregard for the safe environment of the school, violate the law, or endanger others

- Threats of harm to property, organizations, or groups of people
- Coughing on peers