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Student Discipline

Arizona Law Requires School Districts to Have Student Discipline Policies

ARS 15-341(A): The Governing Board *shall*:

- Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for the governance of the schools;
- Hold pupils to strict account for disorderly conduct on school property; and
- Discipline students for disorderly conduct on the way to and from school.

ARS 15-843(B): The Governing Board *shall* prescribe rules for the discipline, suspension and expulsion of pupils.



Student Discipline Policies

- JK - Student Discipline
- JKA - Corporal Punishment
- JKB - Detention of Students
- JKD - Student Suspension
- JKDA - Removal of Students from School Sponsored Events
- JKE - Expulsion of Students



Policy JK: Student Discipline

- The Superintendent shall recommend policies and develop procedures for the discipline of students.
- Apply to all students traveling to, attending, and returning from school, and while visiting another school or at a school-sanctioned activity and may be imposed if the student's behavior affects the school order.
- Notice, hearing and appeal procedures apply for long-term suspension or expulsion

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Regulation JK-RA: Prohibited Conduct

- Disorderly conduct
- Insubordination
- Endangerment to others
- Lewd behavior
- Academic misconduct
- Violation of rules or regulations for public order on school property
- Impermissible use of electronics
- Excessive absenteeism
- Criminal activity

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JK-RA: Permissible Penalties

- Warning
- Written notification to parents
- Probation
- Detention
- Suspension from:
 - Transportation
 - Athletic participation
 - Social or extracurricular activities
 - Other privileges
- Exclusion from class
- In-school suspension
- Involuntary transfer
- Community service
- Suspension
- Alternative to Suspension Program
- Expulsion
- Alternative to Expulsion Program



Other Notable Provisions in Regulation JK-RA

1. Progressive Discipline:

"Depending upon the nature of the violation, student discipline may be progressive, i.e. generally, a student's first violation should merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations."

2. Aggravating/Mitigating Factors will be Considered:

"A District employee or agent should take into account all other relevant factors in determining an appropriate penalty."

3. Administrator Determines Discipline:

"Any teacher, administrator, Board member, parent or other person may report a violation of disciplinary rules to an administrator. The administrator will then make an investigation of the charges as deemed appropriate and will institute appropriate proceedings."





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Student Code of Conduct

- Adopted and approved by the Governing Board
- Matrix of appropriate discipline for the conduct identified in Regulation JK-RA
- Progressive discipline for 2nd or more incident(s)

Prohibited Behavior Category, Rules and Definitions		Consequences Any or all of the following may be applied in any order, in the principal's discretion, except those listed as (Mandatory), which must be applied, absent a waiver; see page 10.	
6. Academic Dishonesty (Lying, Cheating, Forgery, or Plagiarism)			
A. Cheating	Claiming someone else's information or school work for your own; Recording and/or transferring information about tests or quizzes to another person.	1 st Incident	2 nd or More Incident
		School Level Actions (see page 14), and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revocation of Automobile Privileges• Short-Term Suspension• Long-Term Suspension	School Level Actions (see page 14), and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revocation of Automobile Privileges• Short-Term Suspension• Long-Term Suspension• Expulsion



Code of Conduct Violations

- Provocation
- Minor Aggressive Act
- Fighting
- Assault
- Aggravated Assault
- Alcohol Use or Possession
- Alcohol Distribution
- Drug Use or Possession
- Drug Paraphernalia Possession
- Drug or Paraphernalia Distribution
- Tobacco Possession
- Tobacco Use, Distribution or Sale of Tobacco and Related Products.
- Medication Violation
- Arson
- Combustibles
- Tardy
- Excessive Tardies
- Off Campus Violation
- Unexcused Absence
- Excessive Absences/Truancy
- Leaving Class Without Permission
- Harassment Nonsexual
- Bullying and Cyberbullying
- Threats and Intimidation
- Hazing
- Cheating
- Forgery
- Lying
- Plagiarism
- Parking Violation
- Gambling
- Pranks
- Probation Violation
- Safety Violation
- Gang Related Clothing or Accessories
- Bomb Threat
- Chemical or Biological Threat
- False Fire Alarm
- Other Threat to School
- Sexually Inappropriate Materials
- Inappropriate Physical Contact
- Sexual Harassment
- Sexual Harassment with Bodily Contact
- Indecent Exposure
- Inappropriate Public Display of Affection
- Public Indecency
- Inappropriate Use of Technology
- Misuse of Technology
- Misuse of Personal Technology
- Theft
- Extortion
- Robbery
- Trespassing
- Loitering
- Vandalism
- Graffiti or Tagging
- Weapon (Other Than Firearm)
- Firearm
- Dangerous Item



Regulation JK-RB

- Students enrolled in special education programs may be suspended for up to ten consecutive days per offense.
- For longer periods of time, or for frequent short-term suspensions, conference is held to determine if the behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability.
- If no causal relationship, the student may be suspended for more than ten consecutive days.
- If the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability, the student's IEP will be reviewed and modifications/behavior interventions will be made if deemed necessary.

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Policy JKA

No corporal punishment

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Policy JKB

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- *Detention not to exceed one (1) hour per day*
- *Permissible during break-time, noon, or at the close of the school day.*
- *No student shall be denied the privilege of eating.*

Regulation JKB-R

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- *Office must be provided the names students to be kept by 1:00 p.m.*
- *Parents must be given prior notice of detention*
- *Late bus must be available.*
- *Teachers are responsible to see that all students are released in time to board the late bus.*



Policy JKD: Student Suspension

Short-Term = 10 days or less

Long-Term = 11 days – full school year

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Short-Term Suspension Procedure

1. Student is given notice of the allegation and opportunity to explain.
2. Administrator makes reasonable efforts to verify explanation.
3. Administrator decides appropriate action.
4. Administrator gives parent written letter explaining reason and terms of suspension (including the possibility that a long-term suspension and/or expulsion is being recommended) and requests meeting with parents.
5. Administrator's decision may not be appealed.



Long-Term Suspension Procedure

- Formal hearing before a hearing officer or the Superintendent.
- Written notice to parent/guardian at least five (5) working days before hearing.
- Decision may be appealed to the Governing Board.
- Governing Board may affirm, reverse, modify the decision and/or order a new hearing.
- Governing Board decision is final.



Alternative to Suspension Program

- “The Alternative to Suspension Program is to be one of social isolation”
 - In School Suspension
 - Amphi Academy Online
 - Odysseyware (available to students who receive special education services)
 - Alternative School Placement (available to students who receive special education services).
- Discipline intensive, academic work and/or community service.
- Parents must provide support, supervision, transportation and meals during the program.
- Student may not participate in any school sponsored activity.
- Communication is limited to adult District staff during the program.
- Protocols for implementation of the program may be established by the administrator at each location.



Alternative to Long-Term Suspension Program Availability

- Not available if student was suspended for:
 - fighting or engaging in violent behavior,
 - threatening an educational institution,
 - selling, using or possessing weapons, firearms, explosives, or dangerous instruments,
 - making a bomb threat, or
 - engaging in arson.
- Not available if student has served more than one (1) short-term suspension or alternative to suspension of ten (10) days or less during the current academic year.
- Student must admit to or take responsibility for the act upon which suspension was imposed to participate.
- Student and parent/guardian agree that the suspension will be imposed summarily and in its entirety should the student violate the conditions or requirements of the Alternative to Suspension Program.



Early Return from Long-Term Suspension

- Superintendent may authorize student to return early.
- Student must have completed major portion of the suspension (more than half – with consideration being given for the grading period or academic division as necessary).
- Student must provide:
 - Written request for readmission
 - Summary of the student's activities and accomplishments during the suspension period
 - Signed statement from local law enforcement of no infractions during the period of the suspension.
- Student and parent sign contract with conditions for return



Policy JKDA : Removal of Student from School Sponsored Activities

Principal may remove a student from a school-sponsored activity if the Principal determines:

1. The student violated the Student Code of Conduct, or
2. It is in the best interest of the activity or school.

Removal for disciplinary reason – notice/hearing provisions apply.

Removal in best interest - student is given written notice of the reason/effective date, and may request a conference with the Principal within five (5) days .

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Policy JKE: Expulsion of Students

- Superintendent must approve recommendation.
- Parent(s) or guardian(s) notified in writing about the scheduled hearing at least five (5) working days in advance.
- Formal hearing before a hearing officer who provides a written recommendation to the Governing Board, as only the Board has the authority to expel a student.
- If a recommendation for expulsion is made, the decision may be appealed to the Board at the time the Board considers the recommendation.
- The Board may accept, reject or modify the recommendation.
- The decision of the Board is final.

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Policy IEA: Make Up Work

"In the case of a student's exclusion from school for disciplinary reasons, makeup opportunities shall be provided for short-term suspensions but shall not be provided for long-term suspensions or expulsions."



Regulation IEA-R

- Student is responsible to ask for make up work and to arrange for a time to make up tests when the student returns.
- If the teacher is unable to supply the make up assignment, the student will not be held responsible for assignment.
- Students who are short-term suspended from school shall be provided with makeup opportunities.
- Students who are long-term suspended (more than nine [9] school days) shall not be provided makeup opportunities.
- Students who are expelled from school shall not be provided makeup opportunities.

