

Descriptor Term: STUDENT DISCIPLINE: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	Descriptor: JK-E4	Issued: DRAFT
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<u>Description of Violations & Infractions</u>	<u>Consequences</u>
1. Defiance or intentional disobedience of teacher or staff	Step 2-7
2. Profanity or vulgarity (to include acts, gestures, or symbols)	Step 1-7
3. Possession of tobacco or tobacco related products (matches or lighters)	Step 5-8
4. Smoking or using smokeless tobacco products at or in the immediate vicinity	Step 7-8
5. Use, sale, or possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia, look-alike drugs, or alcohol on or near school grounds at school functions; intoxication	Step 8-12
6. Defacing or otherwise injuring property that belongs to the school district (to include writing on school walls, inside or out (to include restitution)	Step 1-9
7. Fighting at school, on the way to or from school, at school functions	Step 8-12
8. Physical or verbal altercation	Step 5-7
9. Assault, harassment, intimidation or threatening of other students	Step 1-12
10. Use or possession of dangerous objects or materials	Step 2-12
11. Use or possession of weapons or look-alike weapons	Step 2-12
12. Improper behavior in the cafeteria, assemblies, or on campus (to include restitution)	Step 1-12
13. Stealing	Step 3-12
14. Leaving campus without permission	Step 5-8
15. Skipping or cutting class	Step 5-8
16. Gambling or possession of gambling devices	Step 1-8
17. Refusal to identify oneself properly	Step 4-8
18. Misbehavior on the school bus - See Notes	
19. Continuous disobedience Habitual violation of school rules	Step 1-12
20. Possession of radios, walkmans, beepers, telephones, recorders, or televisions	Step 1-5
21. Failure to return fund-raising items or equivalent money (to include restitution)	Step 1-7
22. Going to the car without permission	Step 1-6
23. Eating food or drinks in unapproved areas	Step 1-2
24. Leaving or storing materials in any locker other than assigned locker	Step 1-2
25. Running in the halls, cafeteria or classroom	Step 1-3
26. Gang or gang-like activity/association	Step 5-11
27. Parking violations (could lose driving privileges) Fine	Step 1-3+
28. Other misbehavior as determined by the administration	Step 1-8
29. Excessive tardiness (4 per semester)	Step 1-6
30. Sexual misconduct, harassment, or improper touching	Step 4-12
31. Dress code violation	Step 1-7
32. Struggle	Step 1-7
33. Public display of affection	Step 1-7

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Step 1	1. 50 minutes detention <u>after school</u>
	2. Failure to report 1 st time, move to Step 2
	3. Contact parent or guardian
Step 2	1. Two (2) 50 minutes detentions after school
	2. Contact parent or guardian
	3. Failure to report will move to Step 3
	4. Must serve any previous assigned punishment

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5. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for twenty (20) school days from date of entry on the ladder
- Step 3
 1. Saturday School. Failure to report will move to Step 5
 2. Contact parent or guardian
 3. Must serve any previous assigned punishment
 4. Removal from ladder if not referred to the office for twenty (20) school days from date of entry onto ladder
- Step 4
 1. Saturday school for two (2) Saturdays. Failure to report moving to Step 5
 2. Contact parent or guardian
 3. Must serve any previous assigned punishment
 4. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for twenty (20) school days from date of entry onto ladder
- Step 5
 1. In-school suspension up to three (3) days. Failure to report will result in moving to Step 7. Suspension notice given to student and parent or guardian contacted; all forms must be signed and returned; assignment must be completed during time of suspension or extra days or assignments may be added - Follow ISS rules
 2. Loss of privileges during time of suspension.
 3. Must serve all previous assigned punishment
 4. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for twenty (20) days from date of returning to class
- Step 6
 1. In-school suspension for up to ten (10) days; suspension notices given to student and mailed to parent; all assignments must be correctly completed during time of suspension; additional ISS days may be added as necessary until all work is completed
 2. Follow all ISS rules
 3. Loss of privileges during time of suspension
 4. Must serve all previous assigned punishment
 5. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for twenty (20) days from date of returning to class
- Step 7
 1. Out-of-school suspension up to three days
 2. Contact parent or legal guardian; parent or guardian must return student to school
 3. Loss of privileges during time of suspension
 4. Must serve all previous assigned punishment
 5. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for twenty (20) days after return to school from suspension
- Step 8
 1. Out-of-school suspension up to ten (10) days or OSS pending a hearing
 2. 3, 4, 5 from above is suspension up to 10 days
 3. Student and parent will have a hearing before the District Disciplinary Committee if a hearing is called
 4. Alternative assignment may be assigned by committee if a hearing is called
- Step 9 Corporal punishment (administrative option per school) Must follow district policies of administering
- Step 10
 1. Strict probation
 2. Automatic referral to Alternative Program in the event of a violation of probation without further process except normal appeal
- Step 11 Refer to Alternative Program
- Step 12 If the District Hearing Committee recommends expulsion, the recommendation will be forwarded to the School Board for action. A student may be recommended for expulsion at any time if the administration feels that the student's action warrant such recommendation

NOTES

1. At the discretion of the principal, a warning may be issued to student.
2. Teachers are encouraged to handle discipline within their classroom. Rule violations that result in the referral of the student to the office will be handled according to the Tupelo High School discipline program (ladder).
3. A student may enter the discipline ladder at any step, depending upon the nature of the offense.
4. Incentive is provided for the student to improve his/her behavior through provisions of a probationary period that allows a student to remove himself/herself from the discipline ladder by improved conduct.
5. Failure to complete the step consequence as designed will result in escalation to the next step on the ladder. *But all previous consequences will stay in effect.
6. Referral to the office during the probationary period prescribed in the discipline step will result in escalation to at least the next step. Students referred for a repeat or a more serious violation may escalate more than one step.
7. In all cases of OSS or ISS the student will lose all privileges during the time he/she is suspended. Loss of privileges means that during the time stated the student cannot participate in or attend assemblies or any school function designated as an extra activity, including athletic events, dances, plays, extra-curricular programs, field trips, school-sponsored activities, etc. This would include the entire 24-hour period of suspension.
8. If the misbehavior occurs on a school bus or at a bus stop, the school bus discipline policy will be followed.
9. Students may be disciplined for acts or crimes committed off-campus.
10. In all disciplinary matters, a student will be accorded due process under the district policy governing student rights.
11. Self-defense is the use of appropriate, reasonable force to defend or remove oneself or another person against the assault of an aggressor when there is no reasonable avenue of escape or means of avoidance.
12. Counseling may be added to any step.
13. A parent/guardian conference with an administrator is required before a student can return to class after an out-of-school suspension (Steps 7 or 8).
14. The superintendent, or his designee, shall have authority to transfer to an alternative education program any student who has been arrested, arraigned for or convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a serious crime, as defined in this section, which occurred off of school property or away from school-related functions. A serious crime, for the purposes of this section, is an illegal act which indicates the capacity and willingness of the student to injure students and employees with bodily harm, or to threaten to cause bodily harm, or to place students and employees in danger of bodily harm. The superintendent, or his designee, will evaluate the circumstances of the serious crime to determine whether (1) the acts of the student indicates a present and possible danger to the health, safety, and welfare of one or more students or employees and (2) whether the more restrictive, security oriented environment of an alternative education program would serve the educational interests of the student while preserving the safety of students and employees. The Board shall review the student's placement in any alternative program at the next following regular meeting. Serious crimes shall include, without limitation, and as examples only:
 - a) Assault with a deadly weapon
 - b) Aggravated assault
 - c) Rape
 - d) Sexual battery, stalking, or other sexual crime
 - e) Armed or strong-armed robbery (or attempted)
 - f) Sale or distribution of a controlled substance

15. A parent/guardian conference with an administrator is required when a student is assigned parent care. Parent care requires the parent/guardian to return to school with the student the following school day.
16. A Tupelo city ordinance prohibits the use and possession of tobacco products by a minor on school property. Violators will be prosecuted.
17. At the discretion of an administrator, Loss of Privilege class may be assigned for a period no less than three (3) weeks in addition to or in lieu of other disciplinary actions.
18. Student may chose to attend Alternative program in lieu of Out-of-School (OSS) while awaiting a District Disciplinary Hearing.