

CONDUCT CODE FOR NEW FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

*All students are expected to review the Conduct Code with their parents. The Safe Schools Pledge must be signed by the student and parent/guardian(s) and submitted to the school at the beginning of each school year. The behaviors listed are not intended to be all inclusive. Parents and students should also refer to the appropriate school handbook for further information. Students and parents are responsible to abide by the information therein.

*Except in emergencies/extenuating circumstances, the teacher is the first person to administer discipline. Discipline at this level should include, but not be limited to warning/parent notification/detention. The Administrator has the authority to use his/her sole discretion determining the level of consequence within the range of options listed. S/he may need at times to exceed the range, depending upon the severity of the incident or frequency of offenses.

*Decisions will be based upon the age of the offender, the nature and severity of the offense, and the impact on the school environment. Exclusion of privileges is always an option. If the parent cannot be reached when immediate parent notification is required for emergency or suspension, the person listed as designee on the Emergency Card will be notified.

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GLOSSARY	
<i>BOE = Board of Education</i>	<i>OSS = Out of School Suspension</i>
<i>ISS = In-School Suspension</i>	<i>SRO = School Resource Officer</i>
<i>PPT = Planning and Placement Team</i>	

LEGEND

** All inappropriate behaviors on the bus will be handled in accordance with this conduct code, including the loss of bus privileges as a maximum consequence.

*** Such items as nail files, any knives and/or box cutters, look alike weapons, and fireworks may be considered weapons. If a child inadvertently finds s/he has an item that can be defined as a weapon, s/he should bring it to the school office immediately before the item is observed by anyone else in the school. In most cases, there would be no consequence.

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SECTION I SAFETY, FREEDOM FROM FEAR		
BEHAVIOR	Minimum Consequence(s)	Maximum Consequence(s)
Arson, False Alarm, Bomb Threat	Immediate 10 day OSS; refer to police	*Refer to BOE for possible expulsion

+Assault (when one individual physically strikes another)	1 day ISS; option to file police report	*10 days OSS, and/or BOE for possible expulsion
+Bullying/ Harassment/ Intimidation/ Instigation/ Threatening	1 day ISS	*10 days OSS; refer to police
+**Bus Misbehavior	Confer with student, call parent	10 day OSS
Cheating / Plagiarism or theft of another's work	Refer to the Academic Honesty Policy	
Failure to display required ID card/badge	Warning	10 days OSS; refer to police
+Fighting (both combatants)	1 day ISS	*Refer to police and/or BOE for possible expulsion; 10 days OSS
Propping/holding outside doors open.	Sat. detention	10 day OSS
Possession/use of flammable materials (including lighter, firecrackers, etc.)	Sat. detention	*10 days OSS, refer to police and/or BOE for possible expulsion
Smoking/Chewing Tobacco	1 days ISS	10 days OSS; refer to nurse; state fine imposed
Vape/E-Cigarettes Devices	First Offense: 5 days OSS	Additional Offenses: Up to 10 days OSS; refer to mental health professionals;
Using, Selling, Possessing, Distributing Controlled Substances: alcohol, drugs or paraphernalia	- BoE Policy 5114 Min.: 5 days OSS; potential for stipulated agreement	Immediate 10 day OSS, Refer to the police, Refer for expulsion
***Weapon Possession	Immediate 10 day OSS, refer to police , Refer for expulsion	

SECTION II RESPECT AND COURTESY		
BEHAVIOR	Minimum Consequence(s)	Maximum Consequence(s)
Blackmail	1 day ISS; Refer to SRO	*10 days OSS; refer to police
Insubordination	Saturday detention	*10 days OSS; pos. expulsion

Lying to Avoid Blame or Responsibility	Saturday detention or 1 day ISS	10 days OSS
+Obscene, Vulgar, Abusive, Inflammatory or Disrespectful Language, Gestures or Attire, Name-Calling, or Teasing	After school detention	*10 days OSS
+Racial or other Discriminatory Slurs	1 day ISS	*10 days OSS; possible referral to police
Refusal to Identify Self When Asked	1 day ISS	*10 days OSS
Public Display of Affection/ Inappropriate Contact	Confer with student, call parent	Up to 10 day OSS; possible referral for expulsion
Sexual Harassment	Refer to BOE Policy 5145.5	

SECTION III RESPECT FOR PERSONAL AND PRIVATE PROPERTY		
BEHAVIOR	Minimum Consequence(s)	Maximum Consequence(s)
Littering	Appropriate staff response and/or restitution	
Tampering with school/official records	1 day ISS	10 days OSS; possible referral to police; possible referral to expulsion
Forgery	1 day ISS	
Textbook/Library Responsibility	Return or Restitution; see Student Handbook	
Theft or Possession of Stolen Goods/ Theft by Threat	1 day ISS	10 days OSS; refer to police; expulsion
Throwing Objects	Warning; After school detention	10 days OSS
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	1 day ISS; payment of damages; notify parents	*10 days OSS; payment of damages; notify parents; refer to police; expulsion

SECTION IV
RESPECT FOR ORDERLY TEACHING/ LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

BEHAVIOR	Minimum Consequence(s)	Maximum Consequence(s)
Attire which is Distracting and/or Inconsistent with a Teaching & Learning Environment	Change of attire	Immediate ISS
Cheating / Plagiarism or theft of another's work	Refer to the Academic Honesty Policy	
Cutting Class / Study Hall / Academic Support	Saturday detention; full cut for that class	10 days OSS/ possible loss of credit
Eye Safety Protection	Verbal reprimand	Removal from course
Misuse of Pass	Detention	1-5 days ISS
Leaving Class Without Permission	Detention	10 days OSS
Failure to Report to the Office	1 day ISS	10 days OSS
Failure to Serve After School Detention	Warning; reschedule once; Saturday detention	1 day ISS
Failure to Serve Sat. Detention Without Parental Notification	1 day OSS	Multiple days of ISS/OSS
Failure to Sign In to School When Late	After school detention	Saturday detention
Improper Sign In/Out During Study Hall, School Day	After school detention	Saturday detention
Improper Use of Technology/Violating Acceptable Use Policy (i.e. compromising the integrity of an exam, disseminating inappropriate images/text)	Warning / Suspension of privileges; academic consequence	10 days OSS; refer to police; possible referral for expulsion

Leaving School Building Without Permission	Saturday detention	*10 days OSS
Illegal Parking (Insubordination) <i>*Cars may be towed at owner's expense.</i>	<u>Seniors:</u> 1 st offense: \$25.00 fee/ticket; no parking next semester for seniors. 2 nd offense: \$25.00 fee/ticket; Saturday Detention. 3 rd offense: \$25.00 fee/ticket; Saturday Detention. Any other offenses: \$25.00 fee/ticket; In-school suspension	<u>Juniors:</u> 1 st offense: No parking on campus next year 2 nd offense: \$25.00 fee/ticket; Saturday Detention. 3 rd or more offenses: \$25.00 fee/ticket; In-school suspension
Participation in any illegal activity, including but not limited to trespassing/gambling	Warning/appropriate teacher response	*Subject to arrest; expulsion
Possession/Use of Cellular Phones, iPods, etc. in an unauthorized area	1st offense: Confiscation of device by the <u>teacher</u> . Returned to student at the end of the class period. 2nd offense: Confiscation of device by the <u>teacher and submitted to the main office</u> . Returned to student at the end of the school day by the main office staff. 3rd offense (or two 2nd offenses in different classrooms): Confiscation of device by the <u>teacher and submitted to the main office. Parent notified</u> . Devices must be picked up by a parent/guardian in the main office. 4th offense (or multiple offenses in different classrooms): <u>Loss of BYOD privileges</u> for a period of time to be determined by the administration.	10 days OSS

	*Failure to give a cell phone to a teacher is a Saturday detention for insubordination.	
Disruption of the Classroom/School Environment	After School Detention Teacher warning; parent call/meeting; Saturday detention or 1 day ISS (depending on severity)	10 days OSS/refer to police; possible expulsion
Tardiness to Class	Refer to Attendance Policy	1 day ISS
Truancy from School	ISS	1-5 days ISS, possible referral to State Agencies
Walk-outs/Sit-ins	Warning; notify SRO;5 days OSS	10 days OSS; possible arrest; expulsion