

**REGULATION****REGULATION****STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

The following are prohibited activities:

- Criminal or delinquent acts;
- Gang related activity;
- Sexual harassment
- Disruptive conduct;
- Refusal to identify self;
- Refusal to cooperate with school personnel; and
- Harassment, bullying or cyberbullying.

A student may be subject to disciplinary action when the student engages in the above or those below:

- Engages in conduct that is disorderly, i.e., intentionally causing public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, by:
  - Fighting or engaging in violent behavior.
  - Making unreasonable noise.
  - Using abusive or obscene language or gestures.
  - Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
  - Creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose.
- Engages in conduct that is insubordinate, i.e., failing to comply with the lawful directions of a teacher, school administrator, or other school employee in charge of the student.
- Endangers the safety, morals, health, or welfare of others by any act, including but not limited to:
  - Selling, distributing, using, or possessing **tobacco or nicotine**, alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia.

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- Selling, distributing, using, or possessing weapons, fireworks, or other dangerous instruments or contraband.
- Selling, using, or possessing obscene materials.
- Using profane, vulgar, or abusive language (including ethnic slurs).
- Gambling.
- Hazing.
- Engaging in lewd behavior;
- Engaging in harassing, cyberbullying or bullying of another student.
- Engages in any of the following forms of academic misconduct:
  - Lateness for, missing, or leaving school or class without permission or excuse.
  - Cheating (including but not limited to copying, using unauthorized assistance in any form, illegally obtaining tests in advance, substituting for a test-taker, and other forms of unauthorized collusion).
  - Plagiarism.
- Engages in conduct violative of the Board's rules and regulations for the maintenance of public order on school property.
- Uses electronic communication directed at a student, that is published with the intent that it be seen by or disclosed to that student and that substantially interferes with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or privileges provided by the public school.
- Has a record of excessive absenteeism.
- Is believed to have or actually has committed a crime.

Reasonableness of use of physical force in self-defense, defense of others, and defense of property will be considered as a mitigating factor in determining penalties for misconduct. The threat or use of physical force by a student is not reasonable i) when made in response to verbal provocation alone, ii) when assistance from a school staff member is a reasonable alternative, or iii) when the degree of physical force used is disproportionate to the circumstances or exceeds that necessary to avoid injury to oneself or to others or to preserve property at risk.

### **Permissible Penalties**

The range of penalties that may be imposed for violations of student discipline rules include, but are not limited to, the following:

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- Parent-student disciplinary conference.
- Directed reflective activities.
- Anger management training referral.
- Verbal warning.
- Written warning.
- Written notification to parents.
- Probation.
- Detention.
- Suspension from transportation.
- Suspension from athletic participation.
- Suspension from social or extracurricular activities.
- Suspension of other privileges.
- Exclusion from a particular class.
- In-school suspension.
- Involuntary transfer.
- Community service.
- Suspension.
- Expulsion.

Depending upon the nature of the violation, and the surrounding circumstances, student discipline may be progressive, i.e., generally, a student's first violation should merit a lighter penalty than subsequent violations. A District employee or agent should take into account all other relevant factors in determining an appropriate penalty. The above penalties may be imposed either alone or in combination.

### **Student Disciplinary Proceeding**

Any parent, student or other person may report a violation of student disciplinary rules to a school staff member or administrator. The employee will then report this to an administrator who will then make an investigation of the charges as deemed appropriate and will institute appropriate proceedings.

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This information for the maintenance of public order on school property will be publicized on the District web site, in student handbooks and explained to all students and provided in writing to parents as requested. In order to promote effectiveness of student discipline, the assistance of parents in enforcing rules for student discipline shall be invited and encouraged.

### **Involving Staff Members**

The principal is responsible for involving staff members of the school in the development of a positive plan for student discipline. All staff members are responsible for implementing the plan of student discipline for the school.