

Descriptor Term: STUDENT DISCIPLINE: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	Descriptor: JK-E4	Issued: DRAFT
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Description of Violations & Infractions

Consequences

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| 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 8-11 |
| 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 1-11 |
| 7. Fighting at school, on the way to or from school, at school functions | Step 8-11 |
| 8. Physical altercation/struggle or verbal altercation | Step 5-7 |
| 9. Assault, harassment, intimidation or threatening of other students | Step 1-11 |
| 10. Use or possession of dangerous objects or materials | Step 2-11 |
| 11. Use or possession of weapons or look-alike weapons | Step 2-11 |
| 12. Improper behavior at school including: in the cafeteria, assemblies, or on campus (to include restitution) | Step 1-11 |
| 13. Stealing | Step 3-11 |
| 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. Habitual Violation of school rules | Step 1-11 |
| 19. Possession of electronic devices | Step 1-5 |
| 20. 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 | Step 1-6 |
| 30. Sexual misconduct, harassment, or improper touching | Step 4-11 |
| 31. Dress code violation | Step 1-7 |
| 32. Public display of affection | Step 1-7 |
| 33. Use or possession of fireworks, explosive devices or odorous devices | Step 3-10 |
| 34. Disruptive behavior on the way to or from school, or at other school sponsored activities | Step 1-10 |
| 35. Misbehavior on the school bus – (See Policy JICC) | |

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- Step 1
1. 50 minutes detention after school
 2. Failure to report 1st time, move to Step 2
 3. Contact parent or guardian
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1. Two (2) 50 minutes detentions after school
 2. Contact parent or guardian

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- 3. Failure to report will move to Step 3
- 4. Must serve any previous assigned punishment
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Step 8 1. Out-of-school suspension up to ten (10) days or OSS pending a hearing
 - a. Loss of privileges during time of suspension
 - b. Must serve all previous assigned punishment
- OR
- 2. Alternative Assignment
- 3. Contact parent or guardian
- Step 9 ~~1. Corporal punishment (administrative option per school) Must follow district policies of administering~~
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- 1. ~~2.~~ Alternative Assignment
- 2. ~~3.~~ Contact parent or guardian
- Step 10 1. Strict probation
- 2. Automatic referral back to Alternative Program in the event of a violation of probation without further process except normal appeal
- Step 11 Expulsion

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. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. If the misbehavior occurs on a school bus or at a bus stop, the school bus discipline policy will be followed.
8. Students may be disciplined for acts or crimes committed off-campus.
9. In all disciplinary matters, a student will be accorded due process under the district policy governing student rights.
10. 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.
11. Counseling may be added to any step.
12. 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).
13. 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 of no less than three (3) weeks in addition to or in lieu of other disciplinary actions.
18. The choice is available for students to attend the Alternative program in lieu of Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) during the appeal process.