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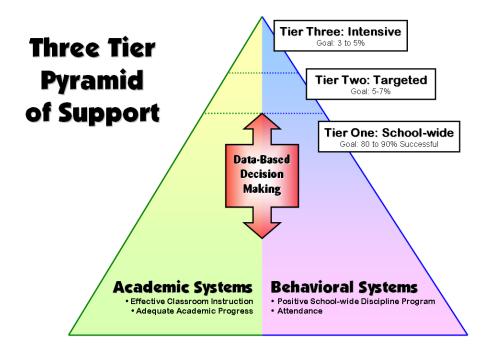
TPSD Positive Behavior Steps Team

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Tier One Supports (School-wide):

Tier One Supports are proactive and preventive in nature. Since Tier One (school-wide) supports are built into the structure of the school, all students may benefit from these academic and behavioral supports.

School-wide behavior supports include:

- positive school-wide discipline program
- progress monitoring routine evaluation of office referral and suspension data drives school-wide practices, procedures and interventions
- on-going professional development positive behavior support training for all staff

Tier Two Supports (Targeted):

Tier Two supports (academic / behavioral) are shortterm, scientifically-based interventions which are highly efficient and provide rapid response for students who are not making adequate progress with Tier One supports alone.

Targeted behavior supports include:

- targeted skill development small group
- progress monitoring routine evaluation of referral and suspension data drives targeted interventions
- on-going professional development specialized training for targeted staff

Tier Three Supports (Individual):

Tier Three supports (academic / behavioral) are long-term, intensive interventions which focus on individual students.

Tier Three supports are appropriate for students identified, through the systematic review of data, as unable to make adequate progress with Tier One and Two supports alone. Tier Three supports may or may not include special education identification / placement.

TIER ONE (School-wide) Behavioral Supports (80-90%) A Positive School-wide Discipline Program is **ENFORCED** ☐ Three to five positively stated rules are adopted **IMPLEMENTED** ☐ Rules are defined, by location, and posted ☐ Greater than 80% of all staff, certificate/classified, implement Positive ☐ Rules are consistently enforced by all staff Behavior Supports (PBS) ☐ A Framework for a Positive School-wide Discipline Program guides implementation RULE-FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS ARE TAUGHT & PRACTICED ☐ A behavior lesson schedule is established school-wide A POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT (PBS) TEAM GUIDES ☐ Expected behaviors are routinely taught and practiced TIERED IMPLEMENTATION ☐ At least 80% of all students are able to state site expectations and ☐ A problem-solving, progress-monitoring team is operational provide specific examples ☐ The PBS team represents: certificated, classified, parents ☐ Administration actively supports PBS Team—funds, time A SCHOOL-WIDE REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM IS ESTABLISHED ☐ Team meets regularly, sets school-wide goals, and documents ☐ A student incentive program is functional implementation progress ☐ A staff incentive program is functional TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ARE INTENTIONALLY ☐ Rule-following behaviors are consistently acknowledged ☐ Adult / student interactions are predominately positive (goal: 5+ to 1-) **CREATED AND MAINTAINED** ☐ Systems are in place to link all school community members A PROACTIVE SUPERVISION POLICY IS ADOPTED AND • Site links: i.e., Administration, Staff, Teams, Students, Campus Security External links: i.e., District, Parents, Guest Teachers, Community ENFORCED ☐ Communication systems are open and honest ☐ A site supervision philosophy is agreed upon by all staff ☐ Supervision schedules and duties are clearly defined PBS Trainings are Scheduled & Routinely Provided ☐ Practices and procedures are routinely evaluated for effectiveness ☐ Annual PBS training schedules are established for all staff, certificated / classified, and parents DATA ANALYSIS DRIVES SCHOOL-WIDE PROBLEM-SOLVING ☐ Trainings are provided by district and/or site personnel ☐ Routine review of referral/suspension data drives school-wide practices, procedures REFERRAL PROCEDURES ARE ESTABLISHED / IMPLEMENTED ☐ Data is used to determine the effectiveness of Tier 1 supports ☐ District-approved Referral forms are adopted (Low & High Level) ☐ Routine evaluation of data drives implementation of additional ☐ Referral forms identify Environmental & Functional Factors Tier 1 supports ☐ Referral forms are uniformly completed and processed ☐ Referral information is routinely input into district-wide data base **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS ARE CREATED**

CONSEQUENCES ARE CONSISTENTLY APPLIED SCHOOL-WIDE

- ☐ Minor Offences and Major Infractions are defined
- ☐ Rule-violating behaviors are consistently corrected
- ☐ Misbehaviors are uniformly addressed Discipline Decision Matrix

SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS ARE ADOPTED, DEFINED AND

NOTE: Movement between Tier 1 and Tier 2 is managed by Teacher Support Teams and IEP teams

☐ Links to community agencies, businesses and organizations are

intentionally established

TIER TWO (Targeted) Behavioral Supports (5-7%)

SITE-BASED DATA/TEACHER SUPPORT TEAM(S) ARE ESTABLISHED Problem-solving, progress-monitoring teams are operational Administration actively supports teams — time Teams meet regularly to manage student movement between Tier 1 & Tier 2 and monitor student outcomes TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ARE MAINTAINED

- □ Systems are in place to link targeted groups and/or programs
- Site links: i.e., Administration, Staff, Counselors, Alternative Staff, Special Education Staff, Targeted Students
- External links: i.e., District Personnel, Program Facilitators, Parents, Community

TARGETED PBS TRAINING NEEDS ARE IDENTIFIED / PRO-VIDED

- □ Targeted training is provided to identified staff: i.e., Alternative Staff, Special Ed. Staff, Substitute Teachers, Interventionists, New Staff, Campus Security Officers
- ☐ Targeted training is provided to identified parent groups

TARGETED SUPPORTS ARE IDENTIFIED AND AVAILABLE

- ☐ Targeted skill development classes are established and routinely evaluated for effectiveness
- Social Skills, Conflict Resolution, Anger Mgmt., Victim Awareness, etc.
- Prevention/Diversion: Drugs, Gang, Weapons, Violence, etc.
- ☐ Interventionists are in place to support targeted groups
- ☐ Youth Development options are established
- ☐ Short-term crisis intervention is made available

TARGETED POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT SYSTEMS ARE ESTABLISHED

- □ Reinforcement systems are established to support identified groups
- Targeted groups are identified through review of data: grades, tracks, teams, Top Offenders, Similar Violations — disruption, non-compliance, peer conflicts, etc.

TARGETED SUPERVISION & MONITORING PRACTICES ARE ESTABLISHED

□ Problem locations and/or groups are identified and addressed: i.e., altered schedules, increased supervision, closing identified areas

DATA ANALYSIS DRIVES TARGETED PROBLEM-SOLVING

- □ Data drives student movement between Tiers 1 & 2
- □ Routine evaluation of data drives interventions for targeted students
- □ Routine evaluation of data drives implementation of additional Tier 2 supports
- □ Data is used to determine effectiveness of Tier 2 supports

FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENTS (FBA) ARE CONDUCTED

- □ Data is analyzed to identify Environmental and Functional dynamics contributing to identified misbehaviors. i.e.:
- · Disrupting during class
- Not dressing for PE
- Fighting
- Non-compliance toward Guest Teachers, etc.

ALTERNATE LEARNING CENTER PROVIDES TARGETED SUPPORT

- ☐ Students are recommended to alternative classes based on data review
 - Alternate Learning Center (ALC—removal of student from regularly scheduled activity, including but not limited to detention, in school suspension or other restriction of activity.)
- Student academic and behavioral skills are evaluated to identify and address deficit areas
- ☐ Student growth is routinely progress monitored

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE

- Intentional structures are established to provide group interventions and/or supports
- · Mental health / family services
- Probation / courts
- · Community Mentors

NOTE: Movement between Tier 2 and Tier 3 is managed by Teacher Support Teams & IEP Teams

TIER THREE (Individual) Behavioral Supports (3-5%)

504, TST,	IEP TEAMS ARE (OPERATIONAL
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- ☐ Teams utilize progress monitoring data to structure individual support
- ☐ Administration actively supports teams time, resources
- ☐ Teams meet regularly to manage student movement between Tier 2 & Tier 3 and monitor student outcomes

TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ARE MAINTAINED

- ☐ Systems are in place to link support personnel:
 - Site links: i.e., Administration, Staff, Counselors, Alternative Staff, Special Education Staff, Individual Students
 - External links: i.e., District, Program Facilitators, Parents

COLLABORATIVE SUPPORT AND/OR TRAINING IS AVAILABLE

- ☐ Collaboration occurs on multiple levels
 - From: i.e., Administrator, Teacher, Program Specialist, Counselor, Psychologist, Resource Teacher
 - To: i.e., Administrator, Teacher, Counselor, Region III Support Therapist, Parent Volunteers, One-on-One Aide

INTENSIVE SUPPORTS ARE IDENTIFIED AND AVAILABLE

- Intensive individual supports are implemented and appropriate personnel are actively involved, i.e.,
 - Counselor
 - Interventionist
 - Case Management
 - · Multi-agency collaboration
- ☐ Crisis intervention is provided / facilitated

INDIVIDUAL REINFORCEMENT SYSTEMS ARE ESTABLISHED

 Reinforcement systems are established to support the learning of identified skills

DATA ANALYSIS DRIVES INDIVIDUAL PROBLEM-SOLVING

- ☐ Data determines student movement between Tiers 2 & 3
- □ Diagnostic assessment / progress monitoring drives individual intervention
- ☐ Frequent evaluation of data drives the identification and implementation

of additional Tier 3 supports

☐ Data is used to determine the effectiveness of Tier 3 supports

FUNCTIONAL BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENTS (FBA) DRIVE INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PLANNING

- Team develops Individual Behavior Support Plan (BSP)s to identify / address:
 - Environmental Predictors & Supports
 - Functional Factors
 - Functionally Equivalent Replacement Behavior(s)
- Reactive Strategies
- Measurable & Observable Goals
- Two-way Communication Systems

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ARE ESTABLISHED

- □ Policies are formalized and distributed
- ☐ Trained staff respond to individuals deemed a danger to self / others
- Incident Report

INTENSIVE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS AND/OR PLACEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

- ☐ Regular education:
- □ Special education:
 - Resource
 - · Self-contained
 - Non-Public School (NPS)
 - · Residential placement, etc.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE

- □ Intentional structures are provided to support individual needs
- Department of Human Services
- · Social workers
- · Probation / courts
- Interventionists

Minor Offenses and Major Infractions

Minor Offenses:

Minor Offenses are misbehaviors managed "on the spot" (classroom, common areas, etc.). Interventions used to address/correct minor offenses are documented on *Low Level Referrals* which are then used to demonstrate a pattern of misbehavior.

- Disruption, including running in halls
- Defiance
- Eating in class
- Non-compliance
- Property misuse
- Dress code
- Mild physical contact
- Inappropriate language
- Tardy
- Lying
- Cheating, plagiarism
- Out of bounds, including leaving or entering parking lot w/o permission / cutting class
- Trash / littering

See definitions on pages 9-10 for further explanation

Major Infractions:

Major Infractions are violations which require the immediate attention of administrative staff. The interventions used to address and correct major infractions are documented on an *Office Referral Form* (High Level).

Safety (High Level):

A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5

Safety:

- A & A-2 —fight, assault, altercation
- B weapon
- C controlled substance, under influence (see also EC48915)
- **D** controlled substance, sale
- E robbery / extortion / stealing
- **M** imitation firearm
- N sexual assault, battery / rape, sexual contact
- O harass / threaten / intimidate witness / stalking/ bullying
- P1 sexual harassment (see also below P.2, Non-Safety)
- Q hate violence
- R harass / threaten / intimidate individual, groups or staff
- **S** terrorist threat
- T aid / abet physical injury
- **U** hazing

Non-Safety:

- F damaged property/ vandalism
- G stole or attempted to steal school property
- H tobacco
- I obscene acts / vulgarity
- **J** drug paraphernalia sale
- K chronic disruption / defiance
- L received stolen property
- P2 sexual harassment (see also above P.1, Safety)

Minor Offenses & Interventions:*

Disrespect, Defiance & Non-Compliance:

Failure to respond to adult requests and / or directives.

Disruption:

Interruption to the classroom / learning environment.

Property Misuse:

Low level misuse / damage of school property.

Dress Code:

Failure to comply to dress code standards.

Physical Contact:

Inappropriate touching — horseplay, "friendly touching," etc.

Inappropriate Language:

Language which is inappropriate yet not used in an abusive / threatening manner.

Tardy:

Failure to be in a designated place at the designated time.

Clearly define / post the behavioral expectations.

Implement procedures for all class routines - entering the room, handing in assignments, sharpening the pencil, welcoming a guest, etc.

TEACH and ROLE-PLAY the behavioral expectations, classroom procedures, use of materials, etc. Demonstrate what the expected behavior "looks like" (positive example) as well as what it "does not look like" (non-example).

Pre-correct - Prior to directing students to perform a task, provide a description of what the expected behavior will look like. "Lunch will be in two minutes. At that time, everyone will put away all materials, push in chairs and line up."

Cue / Prompt / Remind - Provide a pre-arranged / previously taught cue to remind specific students to engage in the appropriate behavior.

Acknowledge students who appropriately demonstrate the expected behavior.

Specifically explain HOW the behavior did not meet the stated / taught expectation. "It is disrespectful to other students when you _____."

Provide a warning - "Respect a school rule. All students are expected to talk respectfully to staff and students here at ABC School. This is your official warning."

Check for student understanding of the behavioral expectations - "Please summarize what we discussed so I ensure there is no confusion."

Evaluate the student's skill repertoire. Determining if the student is capable of demonstrating the behavioral expectation. Evaluate behavior & academic domains.

Determine the FUNCTION of the misbehavior. All behaviors serve a purpose (function). Determine what the student is *gaining* or *avoiding* by misbehaving?

Provide a structured choice - clearly offer a choice between two alternatives and state the consequence for each. "You can work quietly on your assignment now and leave with the class or work with me during lunch."

Evaluate ENVIRONMENTAL factors within the classroom which may be contributing to the misbehavior: Space, Time, Materials, Interactions.

Collaborate with colleagues to identify behavior patterns and trends (class to class, year to year, etc.).

Use a variety of consequences: Positive Reinforcement, Negative Reinforcement, Penalties and Punishments. Remember, punishment is the least effective consequence for students with anti-social behaviors.

Evaluate the effectiveness of consequences. Ineffective consequences must be analyzed and modified. Seek assistance for "out of the box" ideas.

Involve a problem-solving team (grade, team, family, TST, 504, IEP).

Minor Offenses & Interventions:* (continued)

Lying:

Stating / repeating statements that are untrue.

Cheating:

Presenting the work of others as one's own.

Out of Bounds:

Loitering or participating in activities outside designated areas.

Trash / Littering:

Discarding of items or dumping of trash in any location other than a trash can.

Repeated Violations:

In order for disruptive and defiant behaviors to reach the level of *repeated violations*, clear documentation of the student's behavior pattern, as well as site interventions to correct the behavior, must be established.

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District-wide Referral Forms

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On bus/bus area	□ Defiance:	☐ Taught / Role-played appropriate behavior
□ Cafeteria	☐ Disrespect:	☐ Pre-corrected: modeling appropriate behavior
☐ Classroom	□ Non-compliance	□ Cued / Prompted student:
☐ Library	□ Property misuse	□ Clarified how behavior did not meet expectation
☐ Office	☐ Dress code	□ Provided warning(s) prior to LLR
☐ Hallway	□ Physical contact	☐ Checked student understanding of expectation
□ Quad	☐ Inappropriate language	☐ Provided a structured choice
□ Restrooms	☐ Tardy	Collaborated with colleagues Collaborated students still secretains and arris (behaviors).
☐ Lunch area	□ Lying	☐ Evaluated students skill repertoire: academic / behavior
☐ PE area	☐ Cheating	☐ Met with / talked to parent
☐ Playground	☐ Out of bounds ☐ Trash / littering	Reviewed student data for patterns/trends
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Low Level Referral Form:

☐ Low Level Referral Form

Office Referral Form:

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CHRONIC MISBEHAVIORS:

Questions to Consider

□ Is the student consistently receiving Tier One (school-wide) behavior supports?
□ Does the student possess the skills necessary to: , * appropriately resolve conflicts with peers and/or adults? , * successfully complete academic requirements? , * resist peer recruitment (gangs, drugs, hazing, etc.)? If no, what targeted skill development is necessary?
□ What INTERVENTIONS, as opposed to punishments, have been implemented?
□ What ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS* (triggers) at school are contributing to the misbehavior? What is missing or present in the environment which supports the continued use of the misbehavior?
□ What FUNCTION* does the misbehavior serve? What is gained or avoided by engaging in the misbehavior?
□ Has the student been seen by the school counselor ?
□ Has the student been provided targeted skill development? i.e., anger management, conflict resolution
□ Has the student been seen by a private agency ?
□ Has the student been paired with an adult mentor to help build positive school relationships?
□ Does the student have a behavior contract or Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) ?
□ Has the student been referred to the Teacher Support Team (TST) ?
□ Has the student been diagnosed with a medical / psychiatric condition which requires medication?
REMINDER: Punishments are one of the LEAST EFFECTIVE responses to students who demonstrate a pattern of anti-social behavior. Students with chronic behavior concerns, will require interventions which are thoughtfully constructed and routinely evaluated for effectiveness.

CONDUCTING A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION:

Points to Consider

Suspension and expulsion of students can only occur pursuant to state law and Board policy. Any decision to suspend or expel a pupil must be based upon substantial evidence following a thorough investigation by school officials.

Substantial Evidence is a legal term which requires evidence to be: 1) reasonable in nature, 2) credible, and of 3) solid value. When conducting an investigation for the purpose of suspension or expulsion, administrators must ensure they gather evidence which would be considered "substantial" by a group of "reasonable people."

The following types of evidence may be used alone, or in any combination, to establish "substantial evidence" so long as it is of the quality and credibility to prove the allegation.

- 1) **Direct Evidence** (legal definition): Evidence which directly/conclusively proves a fact without inference or presumption (credible eyewitness testimony, sworn written student admission, video).
- **2) Circumstantial Evidence:** Evidence which requires an inference or presumption of fact (a weapon found on the scene, controlled substance found on the scene).

Prior to suspending or recommending a student for expulsion, administrators must conduct a thorough investigation following all due process requirements. Suspensions and expulsion recommendations which do not follow a thorough investigation may be reversed (i.e., suspension expunged, expulsion recommendation terminated and student returned to the recommending site).

Procedures for Gathering Evidence:

DIS	cipilnary notes must:
	clearly document incident: brief, easily understood, chronological order, accurate portrayal
	exact time/date of incident
	name of person(s) present or involved in any degree: adult witnesses, student witnesses and potential suspects
	location of incident
	names of all persons involved in the incident (legal names and, if applicable, nicknames). If the names of some participants are unknown, then physical descriptions are mandatory.

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•	Witnesses statements must:
	 be collected from all witnesses be conducted at the time of the incident if circumstances prohibit interviewing witnesses at the time, interviews must be conducted as soon as possible
	be in original handwriting
	□ be specific and as detailed as possible
	□ be reviewed for clarity
	□ include date when written
	□ contain all names of accused or victims
•	Administrator statements must be accurate and factually based
•	Administrator statements must be accurate and factually based Submitted evidence must clearly relate to the alleged violation (photographs, maps, diagrams, etc.)
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4) 5)	Submitted evidence must clearly relate to the alleged violation (photographs, maps, diagrams, etc.)
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UNIQUE BUS VIOLATIONS & DISCIPLINE: For all other behaviors follow Discipline Decision Matrix

TPSD recognizes that students who regularly ride the school bus may present disciplinary problems. Students will be held to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school. TPSD has the authority to establish a student code of conduct applicable to bus riders and to discipline students for violations thereof. Consequently, students who exhibit adverse behavior while being transported via school bus are subject to the disciplinary actions outlined in the *Discipline Decision Matrix (DDM)*, and Board Policy: Student Conduct on School Buses (JICC).

The principal/designee is responsible for ensuring all rules, procedures, policies, and state law requirements are enforced. It is the responsibility of the Transportation Department to notify appropriate administrative staff of all disciplinary concerns. It is the responsibility of site administration to follow the guidelines outlined in the *DDM* to address the student's bus conduct. All suspensions/disciplinary actions must be entered into SAMS.

The following is a list of transportation behaviors as they relate to the DDM. All other disciplinary issues are addressed within the DDM.

Offense	Definition	Administrative Action	
Hanging Out of Window	Exposing arms or other body parts through bus windows		
Unnecessary Noise/ Disruption	Talking and/or yelling loudly, refusing to maintain quiet while on board the bus	See K	
Defiance (Of Driver)	A) MS/HS: Failure to provide a valid bus pass or producing a fraudulent pass B) Issuing one's bus pass to another student for the purpose of boarding	See K	
Destruction of Property	Destroying property of TPSD or other students,	See F	
Eating / Drinking	Eating or drinking while on board the bus	See K	
Tampering with Bus Equipment	Tampering with an Emergency Exit, windows, other bus equipment	See K	
Harassment / Bullying	Intentionally harassing, threatening, or intimidating other students, driver, or attendant	See O & R	
Lighter, matches / Smoking	Lighting a cigarette lighter or striking a match; smoking on the bus	See H	
Failure to Remain Seated	A) Refusing to remain seated, changing seats, climbing over or under seats B) Refusing to share a seat with other students	See K	
Sexual Harassment	See JBAA	See JBAA / P	
Throwing Objects	Throwing objects in or out of the bus	See K	
Improper Boarding/Exit	Climbing through windows or exiting the Emergency Exit without authorization	See K	
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A-1 — SAFETY

Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Evidence the student has participated in a verbal or physical altercation or has attempted to cause injury to someone by making a verbal or written threat to another person on school grounds or at school related functions.
- □ Documentation by the administrator and statements by the victim and witness(es).
- □ Statement by accused agreeing they committed the violation, as stated by the administration (where possible).

A-1: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

A-1	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 1 (K-5)	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center* • 1-3 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1-5 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1–5 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police
 Verbal Altercation: Verbal Altercation:	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Meet with counselor Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent attends school conference *ALC—removal of student from regularly scheduled activity including but not limited to detention, suspension and other restriction of activity.	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Prevention Program — targeted skill development Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness Review behavior contract Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST	Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Review BIP Review TST process and interventions Consider Tier Three supports

A-1: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

A-1	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
• Fighting: Mutual Combat Minor Injury without Medical Attention (black eye without lacerations to nose, small scratches or cuts without severe bleeding) • Fighting or Assault on a Student: Unprovoked • Fighting: Gang Related	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Counselor: targeted skill development □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* □ Develop behavior contract:* □ Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension • Contact School Police • Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Provide Tier Two supports □ Parent attends school conference □ Develop BIP	Administrative Action (K-2): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Recommend expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Review BIP Refer to TST Consider Tier Three supports	

A-2 — SAFETY

Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Evidence the student, while under the jurisdiction of the school and without provocation, participated in a physical altercation causing minor trauma to the victim.
- □ Statements by: victim, credible witness(es).
- □ Statement by accused agreeing they committed the violation, as stated by administration.
- □ Photographic evidence of the injury extent of injury must be visible.
- □ Documentation of medical intervention(s) for victim.

A-2: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

A-2	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 3 (K-5) Fight: Gang Related	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Recommendation for alternate placement for 20 days Interventions (K-5): Prevention Program — targeted skill development Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Develop BIP Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports		
• Fighting: Serious Injury / Assault (broken bones, contusions, convulsions, unconscious due to fight, stitches, shot, stabbed) MUST notify victim / parent of their right to transfer under NCLB • Assault / Battery (staff member)	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—3 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1-5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for alternative placement for 20 days Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports			

B — SAFETY

Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other object that can be used as a weapon.

The following shall be submitted in order to substantiate an expulsion recommendation:

MCA 37-11-18 allows the principal of a school to recommend expulsion for possession of any controlled substance, knife, handgun, other firearm, or any other instrument considered to be dangerous and capable of causing bodily harm or who commits a violent act at school or at a school activity off school grounds (see Appendix).

- □ Description (length, color, size) and photograph of the object.
- □ Statements by: accused, witness(es).
- □ Documentation from anonymous witness(es).
- □ Copy of mandatory Police Report.

Students in possession of a knife (threatening manner) or a gun fall under this violation.

The following weapons apply to this violation: knives, daggers, handguns, other firearms, explosives of any sort, other dangerous weapons such as: brass knuckles, razor blades, and tools, such as: a screwdriver that has been sharpened at the end. Other dangerous objects would be throwing stars, ballistic knives, black jacks, billy clubs, sand clubs, and nunchakus and other objects of the like.

Illegal explosives are not fireworks but vary in size and color. Among those are the M-80, M-100, Silver Salute, M-250, M-1000, and Quarter Stick. All these explosives are dangerous and can cause severe damage to the body (see Appendix).

B: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

В	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 4 (K-5) • Possession of a Knife or Other Dangerous Object	Administrative Action (K-2): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for alternative placement Possible recommendation for expulsion			
 Brandishing a Knife or Other Dangerous Object at Another Person MANDATORY Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB Possession of, or Brandishing, Gun MANDATORY Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB Possession of Explosive Device 	Administrative Action (3-5): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Recommendation for alternative placement for 45 days Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports			
(M80, M100, or other powerful explosives)				

C — SAFETY

Possessed, used, sold, transferred, or otherwise furnished; or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcohol or intoxicant.

The following shall be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

Evidence the student was found in possession of, or under the influence of, an identified controlled substance (alcohol or other intoxicant). Trained professionals such as: school nurses, police officers, school security or resource officers may provide this evidence.
Photographic evidence of the controlled substance.
If applicable, test results which identify the substance found.
Where possible, admission by the accused of possession or use of the controlled substance while under the jurisdiction of the school site.
Statements by witness(es).
Documentation from anonymous witness(es).

All controlled substances must be confiscated as evidence.

State law and District policy allows for expulsion, suspension, reassignment to the Alternative Program and/or assignment to all a drug counseling and education program. If the District has recommended the student to a drug counseling and education program, a parent conference must be held, in which the parent agrees to the terms of this program in lieu of a recommendation for expulsion. Failure to adhere to this program may result in a mandatory recommendation for expulsion. This, however, does not apply to the selling of illegal drugs on campus. See Appendix for Board Policy; Contact Student Assistance Program for more information.

C: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

7	;	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
•	SAFETY: LEVEL 3 (K-5) Possession of Drugs, Alcohol or any Controlled Substance	Administrative Action (K-2): • 1—3 day suspension • Contact School Police Administrative Action (3-5): • 1—5 day suspension • Contact School Police	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5):		
•	Under the Influence of Drugs, Alcohol or any Controlled Substance	Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors*	 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5):		
		☐ Develop behavior contract:* ☐ Parent conference	 □ Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources □ Provide intervention: counselor □ Develop BIP □ Parent attends school conference □ Consider Tier Three supports 		

D — SAFETY

Offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcohol, or intoxicant or representation of items thereof.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Photographic evidence of the sold controlled substance, or substance represented as such.
- □ Test results of the controlled substance.
- □ Statements by: witness(es) reporting sales (i.e. money collected for drugs, etc.).

The sale of a controlled substance or substances represented as controlled substances is grounds for suspension or recommendation for expulsion.

Confiscate all evidence and give to School Police.

Controlled substances are identified as heroin, cocaine, crack, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, methamphetamines, marijuana, hashish, and alcohol. Intoxicants include, but are not limited to toxic inhalants such as spray cans, nitrous oxide, etc.

An example of substances being represented as a controlled substance would be a student selling oregano as marijuana, or the selling of an over-the-counter look-alike non-prescription drug as a controlled substance.

D: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

D	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 4 (K-5) Possession of Drugs for Sale Must notify victim/parent	Administrative Action (K-2): 5-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion			
of their right to transfer under NCLB	 Administrative Action (3-5): 5-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion 			
	Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports			

E — SAFETY

Committed or attempted robbery or extortion.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Statements by: victim, direct witness(es) and supporting witness(es) to the act of robbery or extortion.
- □ Interviews from: accused and witness(es) named by the accused.

Extortion is defined as blackmail. Example: A student demands money from another person — "Give me money or I'll get you later!" (see Appendix for Mississippi Code Annotated section 97-3-82).

Robbery is defined as the taking of personal property in the possession of another, against his/her will, accomplished by means of fear and force (see Appendix for Mississippi Code Annotated section 97-3-73).

E: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

E	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 3 (K-5) Robbery, Extortion, Grand Theft: Violence Indicated Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Prevention Program — targeted skill development Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Develop BIP Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports		

F — NON-SAFETY

Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Photographic evidence of the defaced property school / private
- □ Statements by: witness(es), accused
- □ Statement by the Security Resource Officer (SRO) recommended
- □ Assessment of damage to the school site TPSD Finance Department

F: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

F	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 3 (K-5) Defacing School Property, Willfully causing damage or attempting to cause damage to school property	Administrative Action (K-2): Alternate Learning Center 1—3 day suspension Restitution Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—3 day suspension Restitution Interventions (K-5): Counselor: targeted skill development Evaluate skill level — academic and behavioral Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Review student data for patterns and trends Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion — extension of suspension Restitution Administrative Action (3-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion — extension of suspension Restitution Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent multiple district/community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Develop BIP and/or TST Consider Tier Three Supports		

G — NON-SAFETY

Stole, or attempted to steal, school or private property.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Direct evidence or testimony supporting the act of stealing.
- □ Amount or cost of the item stolen or attempted to be stolen.
- □ Statements by: witness(es), accused.
- □ Interview with the accused.

G: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

G	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 1 (K-5) Stole, or Attempted to Steal School/ Personal Property (petty theft)	Administrative Action (K-2): Alternate Learning Center Restitution Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center Restitution Interventions (K-5): Ensure student is receiving Tier One supports Meet with counselor Check student understanding of rules / expectations Provide structured choice Evaluate skill level—academic and behavioral Parent conference — phone	Administrative Action (K-2): Alternate Learning Center 1-5 day suspension Restitution Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1-5 day suspension Restitution Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference — school	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—10 day suspension • Restitution Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—10 day suspension • Restitution Interventions (K-5): □ Counselor: targeted skill development □ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness □ Review student data for patterns and trends □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—10 day suspension Continue progressive discipline and intervention plan: may lead to expulsion Restitution Administrative Action (3-5): 1—10 day suspension Continue progressive discipline and intervention plan: may lead to expulsion Restitution Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST

G: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

G	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
NON-SAFETY: LEVEL 3 (K-5) Grand Theft (Amount over \$500.00)	Administrative Action (K-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension • Contact School Police • Restitution	Administrative Action (K-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Restitution		
(Amount over \$500.00)	Interventions (K-5): Counselor: targeted skill development Evaluate skills: academic/behavioral Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Review student data:patterns/trends Parent attends school conference	Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent multiple district/community resources Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP, Refer to TST Consider Tier Three Supports		

H — NON-SAFETY

Possessed or used tobacco or tobacco products.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

□ Evidence administration has provided three or more warnings regarding smoking or having cigarettes on campus.

Refer student to a **Smoking Cessation Program**. Contact Student Assistance Programs for further information.

H: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

Н	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 1 (K-5) Possession and/or use of Tobacco or Tobacco Product	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center Interventions (K-5): □ Ensure student is receiving Tier One supports □ Meet with counselor □ Check student understanding of rules / expectations □ Provide structured choice □ Evaluate skill level—academic and behavioral □ Parent conference — phone	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1-5 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1–5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Tobacco Cessation □ Provide intervention: counselor □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* □ Develop behavior contract:* □ Parent conference — school	Administrative Action (K-2): • Restrict activity • Assign detention • 1–10 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Restrict activity • Assign detention • 1—10 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Tobacco Cessation □ Counselor: targeted skill development □ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness □ Review student data for patterns and trends □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • 1—10 day suspension • Continue progressive discipline and intervention plan: may lead to expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): • 1—10 day suspension • Continue progressive discipline and intervention plan: may lead to expulsion Interventions (K-5): □ Provide intervention: counselor □ Provide Tier Two supports □ Parent attends school conference □ Develop BIP □ Refer to TST

I — NON-SAFETY

Committed an obscene act or engaged in profanity or vulgarity.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Direct evidence and admission by the accused.
- □ Documentation of the incident(s) involving the use of profanity, obscenity, or profanity.
- □ Anecdotal record, if continuous violation.
- □ Statements by: witness(es).

This act pertains to the use of vulgar, profane language or an act as defined by proper society as obscene. Examples: Prolonged cursing toward staff, exposing oneself in public, etc.

While it is not typical for a student to be expelled for this violation alone, it is possible when the misbehavior results in extreme problems on campus. Generally this violation is coupled with a more severe violation.

I: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

1	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 1 (K-5)	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center Administrative Action (3-5):	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1-5 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1–10 day suspension	
Committed an Obscene Act (excluding sexual	 Alternate Learning Center Interventions (K-5): Ensure student is receiving 	Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1–5 day suspension	Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—10 day suspension	
harassment) • Habitual Profanity	Tier One supports ☐ Meet with counselor ☐ Check student understanding of rules / expectations ☐ Provide structured choice	Interventions (K-5): □ Provide intervention: counselor □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* □ Develop behavior contract:*	Interventions (K-5): ☐ Counselor: targeted skill development ☐ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness	
	 □ Evaluate skill level—academic and behavioral □ Parent conference — phone 	☐ Parent conference — school	 □ Review student data for patterns and trends □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference 	

I: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

I	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 2 (K-5)	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police	
Profanity Toward a School Employee	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Evaluate skill level — academic and behavioral Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference — school	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Counselor: targeted skill development Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness Review student data for patterns and trends Review behavior contract Parent attends school	 Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school Develop BIP Refer to TST 	

J — NON-SAFETY

Possessed, offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Direct evidence, such as photographs.
- □ Evidence the items are within the Mississippi Code Annotated 41-29-139.
- □ Admission by the accused.

See Mississippi Uniform Controlled Substances Law (Title 41 Chapter 29 Article 3) for a clear definition of this violation (see Appendix).

Examples of clear-cut paraphernalia are ZigZag papers and roach clips.

J: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

J	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 1 (K-5) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia / Selling Drug Paraphernalia	Administrative Action (K-5): Alternate Learning Center Interventions (K-5): Ensure student is receiving Tier One supports Prevention Program — targeted skill development Check student understanding of rules / expectations Provide structured choice Evaluate skill level—academic and behavioral Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1-5 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Restrict activity • Assign detention • 1–3 day suspension • Selling: Contact School Police Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* □ Develop behavior contract:* □ Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): Restrict activity Assign detention 1–10 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): Restrict activity Assign detention 1–5 day suspension Selling: Contact School Police Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness Review student data for patterns and trends Review behavior contract Parent attends school conference	

K — NON-SAFETY

Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

Evidence all means of correction have been exhausted at the site level.
Interventions may include, but are not limited to, counselor interventions, parent involvement, identification of
Environmental and Functional Factors, targeted skill development, behavior contract, assignment of adult men
tor, Behavioral Support Plan, Teacher Support Team and/or a recommendation to an outside counseling
agency.

□ Documentation of student's behavior / intervention over time.

Use this violation when 1) a student becomes so defiant school authority is unable to control the behavior, or 2) the behavior is so extreme it severely disrupts the educational process.

K: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

K	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 1 (K-5) Chronic Classroom Disruption Disruption to School Activities Gambling Forgery Verbal Abuse	Administrative Action (K-2): Alternate Learning Center Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center Interventions (K-5): Ensure student is receiving Tier One supports Meet with counselor Check student understanding of rules / expectations Provide structured choice Evaluate skill level—academic and behavioral Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1-5 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1-3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Provide intervention: counselor □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* □ Develop behavior contract:* □ Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1–10 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—10 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Counselor: targeted skill development □ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness □ Review student data for patterns and trends □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—10 day suspension Continue progressive discipline and intervention plan: may lead to expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1—10 day suspension Continue progressive discipline and intervention plan: may lead to expulsion Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST
Non-Safety: Level 2 (K-5) Continued Willful Disobedience, Refusal to Follow School Rules and Regulations, Defiance Interference and/or Obstruction (staff member)	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1-3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Restrict activity • Assign detention • 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Provide intervention: counselor □ Evaluate skill level — academic and behavioral □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* □ Develop behavior contract:* □ Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): Alternate Learning Center 1—5 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): Restrict activity Assign detention 1—5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Counselor: targeted skill development (Anger Management) Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness Review student data for patterns and trends Review behavior contract Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • 1—10 day suspension • Contact School Police • Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): • 1—10 day suspension • Contact School Police • Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): □ Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources □ Provide Tier Two supports □ Parent attends school conference □ Develop BIP □ Refer to TST	

L — Non-Safety

Knowingly received stolen school or private property.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Documentation the accused has, and/or has received, stolen property.
- □ Photographic evidence of stolen item(s).
- ☐ Estimated value of item(s).
- □ Statements by: witness(es) may be used as direct evidence.
- □ Where possible, statement by the accused agreeing they committed the violation.

L: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

L	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 2 (K-5)	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation	
Knowingly Received Stolen Property	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Evaluate skill level — academic and behavioral Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference	Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Counselor: targeted skill development □ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness □ Review student data for patterns and trends □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference	Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST	

M — SAFETY

Possessed an imitation firearm - as used in this section, "imitation firearm" means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude the replica is a firearm.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Photographic evidence of the imitation firearm.
- □ Statements by: accused and direct witness(es).
- ☐ Statement(s) by: School Resource Officer (SRO)

M: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

M	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Safety: Level 3 (K-5) Possession of an Imitation Weapon— MUST LOOK LIKE A REAL GUN If not a weapon, no need to extend suspension. If it leads to other violations (i.e., A-1, B, R) then recommend expulsion.	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Prevention Program — targeted skill development Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Administrative Action (3-5): 5 day suspension Contact School Police Recommend expulsion Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Develop BIP Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports		

N — SAFETY

Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, contact or committed a sexual battery.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate an expulsion recommendation:

Refer to MCA 97-3-65 and/or 97-2-95 et seq. when dealing with this violation.

- □ Statements by: School Police and/or School Resource Officer(s) are of extreme importance.
- □ Statements by: witness(es), if applicable.
- □ Record of report to District's Affirmative Action Office.

Violation of this section can be quickly substantiated if the perpetrator is identified and confesses to the act. In most cases, however, it is in the best interest of the administrator to proceed with a thorough investigation.

In cases of sexual harassment and assault, it is necessary for the administrator to collect thorough documentation of the incident and carefully handle statements given by the victim and the accused.

In cases where testifying in the presence of the accused perpetrator could cause serious psychological harm, the victim may be allowed to testify in a closed session hearing, separate from the accused. Such requests must be provided by site administration to the District Hearing Panel at the time the recommendation for expulsion is submitted.

This violation shall not apply to students in grades K-2; call Department of Human Services.

N: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

N	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 4 (3-5) Sexual Assault Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB	Administrative Action (3-5): 5 day suspension Contact SRO Mandatory expulsion Interventions (3-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports			

O — SAFETY

Harassed, threatened, or intimidated student, group or staff.

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Documentation of harassment, threats, or other forms of intimidation made by the accused to the victim.
- □ Statements by: victim and witness(es), verifying the act(s) of harassment, threat or intimidation.

O: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

О	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 1 (K-5) Harassed, Threatened or	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5):	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension • Contact School Police	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1–10 day suspension • Contact School Police	
Intimidated Student, Groups or Staff Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB	Alternate Learning Center 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Meet with counselor Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract: Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension • Contact School Police Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST	

P — SAFETY & NON-SAFETY

Sexual Harassment

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

Refer to Board policy JBAA to clarify sexual harassment (see Appendix).

- □ Victim statement outlining sexual harassment charges and the negative impact the incident incurred on the victim. The complaint must be signed by: victim and witness(es).
- □ Evidence the harassment negatively impacted the academic performance of the victim.
- □ Evidence substantiating a hostile, intimidating or offensive educational environment was created by the accused.
- □ Record of report to District's Title IX Coordinator.

This article shall not apply to pupils in grades K-2 inclusive.

The school must provide an in-service for all students regarding sexual harassment and the possible consequences for violating this section. This in-service may be held during an annual disciplinary assembly.

P: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

Р	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Safety: Level 2 (3-5) Sexual Harassment	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Counselor: targeted skill development Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—10 day suspension • Contact School Police • Possible recommendation for alternative placement Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Provide Tier Two supports □ Parent attends school conference □ Develop BIP	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for alternative placement Administrative Action (3-5): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for alternative placement Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Review BIP, Refer to TST Consider Tier Three supports	

P: ELEMENTARY — NON-SAFETY

P	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Non-Safety: Level 2 (3-5) Sexual Harassment, Inappropriate Verbal Harassment	Administrative Action (3-5): Restrict activity Assign detention 1—3 day suspension Contact Affirmative Action Office Interventions (3-5): Provide intervention: counselor Evaluate skill level — academic and behavioral Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract:* Parent conference	Administrative Action (3-5): Restrict activity Assign detention 1—5 day suspension Contact Affirmative Action Office Interventions (3-5): Counselor: targeted skill development Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness Review student data for patterns and trends Review behavior contract Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (3-5): 1—10 day suspension Contact School Police Contact Affirmative Action Office Possible recommendation for alternative placement Interventions (3-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST	

Q — SAFETY Hate Violence

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Determination by school officials the pupil has caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence as defined in MCA 99-19-301 to 99-19-307 (see Appendix).
- □ Documentation of hate violence as defined by MCA 99-19-301 to 99-19-307.
- □ Statements by: victim, witness(es).
- □ Photographic evidence, if applicable.

This violation does not apply to students in grades K-3 inclusive (see Appendix).

Q: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

Q	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 2 (4-5) Hate Violence Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension • Contact School Police • Recommendation for alternative placement for 20 days Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Provide Tier Two supports □ Parent attends school conference □ Develop BIP	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for alternative placement Administrative Action (3-5): 1-10 day suspension Contact School Police Recommendation for alternative placement for 45 days Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Review BIP, Refer to TST Consider Tier Three supports		

R — SAFETY

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion :

- □ Documentation of the accused involvement in the bullying of a pupil, group of pupils, or staff by words or active threats. (See Appendix for MCA 97-45-15 and Board policy JICK)
- □ Statements by: accused, witness(es).
- □ Determination by school officials the pupil has or participated in an act of bullying as defined in MCA 97-45-15 (see Appendix).
- □ Statements by: victim, witness(es).
- □ Documentary evidence, if applicable.

R: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

R	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 1 (K-5)	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): Alternate Learning Center1–10 day suspension	
Harassed, Threatened, or Intimidated Student, Groups or Staff (<i>To Include Bullying</i>) And Cyber Bullying) Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB	Administrative Action 3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): Meet with counselor Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* Develop behavior contract: Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 5—10 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST	

S — SAFETY

Pupil has made terrorist threats against school officials, school property or both

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Documentation the accused actively engaged in terrorist threats against school officials or school property. Example: Student calls in a bomb threat.
- □ Statements by: accused, witness(es).

According to this section, "terrorist threat" involves any statement, written or oral, which threatens specific intent of:

- great bodily injury to another person
- property damage

All statements must to be taken as a threat even if there is no intent of actually carrying them out (see Appendix). This article does not apply to grades K-2 inclusive.

S: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

S	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 4 (3-5) Terrorist Threats Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB	Administrative Action (3-5): 5 day suspension Contact School Police Recommendation for expulsion Interventions (3-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor Parent attends school conference Consider Tier Three supports			

T — SAFETY

Aided, abetted or instigated the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury

The following shall be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

- □ Documentation verifying physical injury was inflicted must note the severity of the injury.
- □ Investigation reports by School Police and School Resource Officer.
- □ Verbal or written threats, if applicable.

During an investigation, the following should be carefully examined 1) the statement of the accused 2) the victim's statement 3) supporting witness(es) statements.

Note: This may apply to cases where more than one student is involved in an attempt to aid another in the infliction or intimidation of physical harm against another student on campus.

T: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

Т	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 2 (K-5) Aid, Abet or Instigate the Infliction, or Attempted Infliction, of Physical Injury	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Counselor: targeted skill development □ Identify contributing Functional and Environmental Factors* □ Develop behavior contract:* □ Parent conference	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—5 day suspension • Contact School Police • Recommendation for alternative placement for 20 days Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Provide Tier Two supports □ Parent attends school confer-	Administrative Action (K-2): 1—10 day suspension Contact School Police Alternate Learning Center Administrative Action (3-5): 1—10 day suspension Contact School Police Recommendation for alternative placement for 45 days Interventions (K-5): Counselor provides parent with multiple district and community resources Provide intervention: counselor	4th Offense
43		ence Develop BIP	 □ Parent attends school conference □ Review BIP □ Refer to TST □ Consider Tier Three supports 	

U — SAFETY

Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion:

As defined in MCA 97-3-105:

"A person is guilty of hazing when, in the course of student's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to the student or a third person and thereby causes such injury (see Appendix)

	Statements	bv:	victim.	supporting	witness	es
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- □ Police Report(s) if any.
- Photographic evidence of weapons used in hazing activity, if applicable. Examples: sticks, bats, and brass knuckles.
- □ Statements by: witness(es) verifying verbal abuse was inflicted during the incident.

In order to establish a link between the hazing event and the persons and/or group involved, focus the investigation around the hazing practices of the group (secret club, team, gang, etc.).

U: ELEMENTARY — SAFETY

U	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
SAFETY: LEVEL 1 (K-5)	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension	Administrative Action (K-2): • Alternate Learning Center • 1–5 day suspension		
Hazing Must notify victim/parent of their right to transfer under NCLB	Administrative Action (3-5): • Alternate Learning Center • 1—3 day suspension Interventions (K-5): □ Prevention Program — targeted skill development □ Evaluate consequences and intervention effectiveness □ Review behavior contract □ Parent attends school conference	Administrative Action (3-5): Alternate Learning Center 1—5 day suspension Contact School Police Possible recommendation for expulsion Interventions (K-5): Provide intervention: counselor Provide Tier Two supports Parent attends school conference Develop BIP Refer to TST		

Special Education Guidelines:

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate discipline up to and including expulsion.

- □ Students receiving Special Education services are entitled to a Manifestation Determination Meeting during Pre-Suspension and Pre-Expulsion IEP under law. This meeting is to be conducted within 10 days after the recommendation for expulsion.
- □ The Manifest Determination Team has the right to stop all expulsion proceedings if they find the misconduct was a manifestation of the student's disability.
- □ Students who fall under the Section 504 educational umbrella have the right to have a Pre-Expulsion 504 Meeting prior to a recommendation for expulsion. The district 504 coordinator should conduct this meeting on-site.
- □ Parents must be told of the date and time of the Manifest Determination Meeting. Their presence, although needed, is not mandatory for the Manifestation Determination IEP / 504 Meeting to proceed on the scheduled date and time.

Federal Law - No Child Left Behind:

The following must be submitted in order to substantiate an expulsion recommendation.

□ Under NCLB, any student who is a victim of a serious crime or is a victim of harassment is eligible to be transferred to another school site.