

**Douglas County  
School District 15**

Code: **JFC**  
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**Student Conduct\*\***

The Board expects student conduct to contribute to a productive learning climate. Students shall comply with the district's policies, administrative regulations, school and classroom written rules, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials, and conduct themselves in an orderly manner during the school day and during district-sponsored activities.

Careful attention shall be given to procedures and methods whereby fairness and consistency without bias in discipline shall be assured each student. The objectives of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline, realize the responsibility of one's actions and maintain a productive learning environment.

Students are subject to discipline for conduct while traveling to and from school, at the bus stop, at school-sponsored events, while at other schools in the district and while off campus whenever such conduct causes a substantial and material disruption of the educational environment or the invasion of the rights of others.

The following forms or displays of student misconduct including, but not limited to, shall be subject to discipline, suspension or expulsion as per Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.250:

1. Assault;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyberbullying or teen dating violence as prohibited by Board policy JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence – Student and accompanying administrative regulation;
3. Coercion;
4. Threats of violence or harm as prohibited by Board policy JFCM - Threats of Violence;
5. Disorderly conduct;
6. Bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon as prohibited by Board policy JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools;
7. Vandalism, malicious mischief, theft as prohibited by Board policies ECAB - Vandalism, Malicious Mischief or Theft and JFCB - Care of District Property by Students or willful damage or destruction of private property on district premises or at district-sponsored activities;
8. Sexual harassment as prohibited by Board policy JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment and accompanying administrative regulation;

9. Use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs as prohibited by Board policy(ies) JFCH - Alcohol and JFCI - Substance/Drug Abuse and JFCG/KGC/GBK - Prohibited Use, Possession, Sale or Distribution of Tobacco or Inhalant Delivery System;
10. Use of obscene, vulgar or abusive language or actions, either aimed directly at any person or expressed in a general way which either creates a disturbance or interferes with the teaching/learning process. This definition shall also include profanities;
11. Disruption of the school environment;
12. Disorderly conduct;
13. Inappropriate dress and/or grooming which may disrupt the learning process, affect the individual student, other students or the learning climate of the school;
14. Willful disobedience or open defiance of the lawful and reasonable request of a licensed staff member, a classified staff member acting within the scope of his/her duties, or other designated supervisor acting within the scope of his/her assignment;
15. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules;
16. Other actions which may significantly endanger the health and/or safety of others or which result in the material interference with the teaching/learning process or environment.

The district recognizes that under the Unsafe School Choice Option of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), a school can be deemed unsafe as a whole entity or for an individual student based on expulsions for weapons violations, violent behavior or expulsions for students arrested for the following criminal offenses occurring on district grounds, on district-sponsored transportation and/or at district-sponsored activities:

1. Assault;
2. Manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance;
3. Sexual crimes using force, threatened use of force or against incapacitated persons;
4. Arson;
5. Robbery;
6. Hate/Bias crimes;
7. Coercion; or
8. Kidnapping.

The district will record and report these infractions to the Oregon Department of Education, as required.

The district will provide the opportunity for all students in any district school identified as persistently dangerous or for any victim of a violent criminal offense occurring in or on the grounds of the school the student attends, to the extent feasible, the opportunity to transfer to a safe school within the district.

Parents, students and employees shall be notified by handbook, code of conduct or other document of acceptable behavior, behavior subject to discipline and the procedures to address behavior. These procedures will include a system of consequences designed to correct student misconduct and promote acceptable behavior.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.240](#)  
[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

Tinker v. Des Moines Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).

Hazelwood Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Bethel Sch. Dist. v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

Shorb v. Grotting and Powers Sch. Dist., Case No. 00CV-0255 (Coos County Circuit Ct.) (2000).

Ferguson v. Phoenix Talent Sch. Dist. #4, 172 Or. App. 389 (2001).

Morse v. Frederick, 551 U.S. 393, 127 S. Ct. 2618 (2007).

C.R. v. Eugene S.D. 4J, No. 12-1042, U.S. District Court of OR (2013).

**Cross Reference(s):**

ECAB - Vandalism/Malicious Mischief/Theft

JF/JFA - Student Rights and Responsibilities

JG - Student Discipline