

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, but not limited to, shall be subject to discipline, suspension or expulsion:

1. Assault;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyberbullying or teen dating violence;
3. Coercion;
4. Threats of violence or harm;
5. Disorderly conduct;
6. Bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon;
7. Vandalism, malicious mischief or theft or willful damage or destruction of private property on district premises or at district-sponsored activities;
8. Sexual harassment;
9. Use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs;
10. Use or display of profane or obscene language;

11. Disruption of the school environment;
12. Open defiance of a teacher's authority, including persistent failure to comply with the lawful directions of teachers or school officials;
13. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules.

The district recognizes that under the Unsafe School Choice Option of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA), 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

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

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

[ORS 339.250](#)

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).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 7912 (2006).

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

IGAEC - Anabolic Steroids and Performance-Enhancing Substances

JF/JFA - Student Rights and Responsibilities

JG - Student Discipline