

Student Conduct Expectations and Reasonable Sanctions

Student Conduct Expectations

As authorized by chapter 28A.600 RCW, the following procedure sets forth rights and conduct expectations for students, along with the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of such expectations. At all times, this procedure will be read consistent with federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law, and rules promulgated by the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. For procedures and legal requirements related to imposition of suspension and expulsion, see Policy and Procedure 3241, Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action.

Respect for the Law and the Rights of Others

Students are responsible as a citizen to observe the laws of the United States, the state of Washington, and local ordinances and laws. The student will respect the rights of others while in school, on school property, at all school activities, on district provided transportation or otherwise under school authority

Compliance with Rules

All students will obey the written rules and regulations established for the orderly operations of the district and the reasonable requests, instructions and directives of district personnel. For purposes of Policy 3240 and this procedure, the term "district personnel" includes all adults, including contractors and volunteers, authorized to supervise student activities. Failure to do so will be cause for disciplinary action. All students will submit to reasonable discipline by the school district and its representatives for violations of policies, regulations and rules.

Student Rights

In addition to individual rights established by law and district policies, students served by or on behalf of the district will have the right to:

- High educational standards in a safe and sanitary building;
- Education consistent with stated district goals;
- Equal educational opportunity and in all aspects of the educational process freedom from discrimination based on economic status, pregnancy, marital status, sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability;
- Access to their own education records at reasonable school times upon request;
- Fair and just treatment from school authorities and freedom from mistreatment and physical abuse;

- Freedom from unlawful interference in their pursuit of an education while in the custody of the district;
- Security against unreasonable searches and seizures;
- The substantive constitutional rights listed in WAC 392-400-215, subject to reasonable limitations upon the time, place, and manner of exercising such rights consistent with the maintenance of an orderly and efficient educational process within limitations set by law, including the right to:
 - Freedom of speech and press;
 - Peaceably assemble;
 - Petition the government and its representatives for a redress of grievances;
 - The free exercise of religion and to have schools free from sectarian control or influence; and
 - Participate in the development of rules and regulations to which they are subject and to be instructed on rules and regulations that affect them, including the periodic review and update of discipline rules, policies, and procedures;
 - Establish appropriate channels to voice their opinions in the development of curriculum;
 - Representation on advisory committees affecting students and student rights;
 - Present petitions, complaints or grievances to school authorities and the right to prompt replies;
 - Consult with teachers, counselors, administrators and other school personnel at reasonable times;
 - Be involved in school activities, provided they meet the reasonable qualifications of the sponsoring organization;
 - Free election of their peers in student government and the right to hold office;
 - Know the requirements of the course of study, be informed about and know upon what basis grades will be determined;
 - Citizenship privileges as determined by the United States and Washington State Constitution and its amendments; and
 - Annual information pertaining to the district's rules and regulations regarding students, discipline and rights.

Scope of District Authority

Students who involve themselves in acts that have a detrimental effect on the maintenance and operation of the school or school district; criminal acts; and/or violations of school rules and

regulations, may be subject to disciplinary action by the school and prosecution under the law. The rules will be enforced by school officials:

- On school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours;
- On school grounds at any other time when school is being used by a school group(s) or for a school activity;
- Off school grounds at a school activity, function or event;
- Off the school grounds if the actions of the student materially or substantially affects or interferes with the educational process; or
- In school-provided transportation, or any other place while under the authority of school personnel.

Disruptive Conduct

Students will not intentionally cause substantial and/or material disruption of any school operation. Disruptive conduct includes, and is not limited to:

- Intentionally obstructing normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a school campus;
- Intentionally obstructing the entrance or exit of any school or room to deprive others of passing through;
- Causing a disturbance or disruption on school grounds, at school activities, or on district-provided transportation, including substantially interfering with any class or activity;
- Cheating or disclosure of exams and/or alteration of records;
- Defiance of school personnel by:
 - Disobedience of reasonable requests, instruction and directives of school personnel;
 - Refusal to leave an area when instructed to do so by school personnel;
 - Refusing a reasonable request to identify oneself to district personnel (including law enforcement officers) while under the supervision of the school; and
 - Refusal to cease prohibited behavior.
- Disruptive and/or dangerous use of motor vehicles or conduct on a school bus that endangers students;
- Extortion, theft, forgery;
- Fighting: Fighting and instigating, promoting or escalating a fight, as well as failure to disperse. Engaging in any form of fighting where blows are exchanged is prohibited, regardless of who initiated the fight. This prohibition includes hitting, slapping, pulling hair, biting, kicking and scratching or any other acts in which a student intentionally inflicts or attempts to inflict injury on another;

- Gambling or encouraging other students to gamble;
- Gang-related behavior, association and/or affiliation (see Policy 3201);
- Harassment of others;
- Inappropriate dress or appearance (see Policy 3224);
- Trespassing on school property or school transportation at a time or place the student's presence is not permitted;
- Occupying a school building or school grounds to deprive others of its use;
- Preventing students from attending class or school activities;
- Use or possession of tobacco;
- Using any object in a dangerous manner; and/or
- Intentionally defacing or destroying the property of another.

Exceptional Misconduct

Exceptional misconduct is a violation of rules so serious in nature and/or so disruptive as to warrant an immediate short-term or long-term suspension. Exceptional misconduct includes, and is not limited to:

- Arson;
- Assault, if the assault involves:
 - Injury to another;
 - Bodily fluids;
 - A weapon;
- Commission of any crime on school grounds, or the commission of a crime or other dangerous conduct anywhere that indicates the student's presence on school grounds poses a danger to other students or staff*;
- Cumulative violations*;
- Causing intentional, substantial damage or destruction to school property or the property of another on school grounds or at school activities;
- Dangerous use of motor vehicles on school grounds or at school activities, or endangering students on a school bus;

- Disruption of the school program by bomb scares, false fire alarms, firecrackers, etc.*;
- Extortion*;
- Fighting: Fighting and instigating, promoting or escalating a fight, as well as failure to disperse. Engaging in any form of fighting where physical blows are exchanged is prohibited, regardless of who initiated the fight. This prohibition includes hitting, slapping, pulling hair, biting, kicking, choking, and scratching or any other acts in which a student intentionally inflicts or attempts to inflict injury on another*;
- Harassment/intimidation/bullying of others*;
- Knowingly possessing stolen property*;
- Possession, use, sale or delivery of illegal or controlled chemical substances, including marijuana or substances containing marijuana and alcoholic beverages, as well as possession of items reasonably determined to be drug paraphernalia as used or possessed;
- Presence on school property or at a school activity following the consumption or use elsewhere of an alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance, including marijuana;
- Sexual misconduct on school grounds, at school activities or on school provided transportation*;
- Theft on school grounds, at school activities, on school provided transportation, or on school property at any time*;
- Threats of violence to other students or staff; and/or
- Use or possession of dangerous weapons, including firearms, air guns, knives, nun-chu-ka sticks, throwing stars, stun guns, explosives, stun guns and other weapons prohibited by state law, RCW 9.41.280, and Policy 3233.

**District Note: While these marked offenses are “exceptional misconduct” and an immediate imposition of short-term suspension is permissible, each offense may be a “discretionary discipline offense” for which long-term suspension and expulsion/emergency expulsion cannot be imposed. If the school is considering imposition of long-term suspension, emergency expulsion or expulsion for any offense marked with an asterisk, the behavior must also be explicitly listed in procedure 3241P under the section entitled, “Suspensions, Expulsions and Discretionary Offenses.”*

Guidelines for Sanctions

Chapter 392-400 WAC contains the following restrictions for short-term suspensions:

- Kindergarten through grade four - No student in grades kindergarten through four shall be subject to short-term suspensions for no more than a total of ten (10) school days during any single semester or trimester as the case may be, and no loss of academic grades or credit shall be imposed by reason of the suspension of such a student.

- Grade five and above - No student in grade five and above shall be subjected to short-term suspension for more than 15 school days during any single semester or 10 school days during any single trimester, as the case may be.

In all cases where sanctions are imposed, a reasonable effort to contact parents or guardians will occur prior to, or contemporaneous (during the same period of time) with, the imposition of the sanction, in addition to any written notice required by law. When a school administrator has good and sufficient reason to believe a student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to the student, other students or school staff, or an immediate and continuing threat of substantial disruption of the educational process, immediate emergency removal or emergency expulsion may be appropriate. (See Policy 3241, Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action)

In conjunction with the following sanction guidelines, administrators may also consider any alternative form of corrective action—including programs intended to lessen the time of exclusion from class attendance—which has been approved by the board of directors and/or superintendent. The district encourages the use of alternative forms of correction action when possible and practicable in light of the duty to maintain safe and orderly school environments conducive to student learning.

In addition to school sanctions, administrators should determine whether restitution for damage or injury should be considered.

Implementing the Guidelines for Sanctions

It is presumed that school administrators will sanction a student for the following offenses within a standard range, beginning at the presumptive sanction and determining whether mitigating or aggravating factors warrant a sanction higher or lower within the standard range. School administrators are expected to use their professional judgment and experience when assigning students sanctions and will, to the best of their abilities, attempt to apply these sanctions to all similarly-situated students in a fair and equitable manner. The administrator's judgment and discretion will carefully balance the duty to maintain order and discipline in a safe school environment, the appropriate corrective action needed to address the student's misconduct, and the student's long-term educational success.

The sanctions below do not prohibit administrators from considering approved alternatives to out-of-school suspension or expulsion, including in-school suspension and shortened school days. A school administrator may exceed the standard range, up to and including expulsion, if sufficient aggravating factors warrant such corrective action or if the threat of danger or substantial disruption supports an emergency expulsion under WAC 392-400-295.

ARSON

For purposes of school discipline, "arson" means any intentional or reckless setting of a fire or other burning of personal or public property. "Reckless" means the student understood, but acted with disregard for, the consequences of his or her conduct.

STANDARD RANGE: 0-20 Day Suspension

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Minimal damage;
- Little potential of harm;
- Student's intent or purpose;
- Student's age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct;
- Admitted or self-reported conduct; and
- Student attempted, but failed to or was prevented from, carrying out the conduct.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Significant damage;
- Potential of serious harm;
- Intent or purpose in setting fire;
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions; and
- The student's presence on campus is determined to be a threat to the safety of others.

ASSAULT

For purposes of school discipline, "assault" means actual or attempted hitting, striking or other wrongful physical contact inflicted on another either directly or indirectly through an object. For verbal threats, see Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

STANDARD RANGE: 0-10 Day Suspension

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Minimal injury or damage;
- Student was primarily acting defensively, but facts do not support a conclusion that the student's conduct was clearly reasonable self-defense as set forth below;
- Student's age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct; and
- Admitted or self-reported conduct.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Serious actual or potential injury;
- Use of an object or weapon;
- Premeditated conduct;
- Multiple students assaulting a single student;
- Prior assault(s), threat(s), harassment, or bullying by the student against the same victim;
- Exceptional severity or cruelty;
- Conduct is motivated by perceived race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, or any similar actual or perceived characteristic of the victim;
- Conduct is motivated by actual or perceived gang rivalry or affiliation; and
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions.

REASONABLE SELF-DEFENSE:

It is expected that a student must always first retreat from any threat of harm and/or contact an adult staff member for assistance before engaging in any type of physical response to an assault. However, an administrator may decide not to subject a student to discipline if, following a reasonable investigation, the administrator determines all of the following are true:

- A student who is being assaulted or witnesses another student being assaulted acts only in a manner that is defensive and protective of himself/herself or others;
- The student is acting in a manner a school administrator determines is reasonable and necessary in light of the circumstances; and
- The student did not instigate, provoke or promote the violence by his or her words or conduct immediately prior to the assault.

A reasonable physical response to an assault may include holding the assailant's hands or arms to prevent the assault, or pulling two fighting students apart and holding them until adult staff can arrive and intervene.

DEFACING OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

For school discipline purposes, this means the unauthorized, intentional damage to district property or the property of others (other than arson, above).

STANDARD RANGE: 0-10 Day Suspension

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Minimal damage;
- Student's age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct;
- Admitted or self-reported conduct; and
- Subsequent remedial steps, including restitution to district or victim of misconduct.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Significant damage in extent or cost;
- Similar previous conduct;
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions; and
- Property defaced with:
 - Lewd or obscene words or imagery
 - Words or imagery containing slurs or negative reference to the race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, or disability of others
 - Gang words or imagery.

Note: Under RCW 28A.635.060 (1), the school district may withhold the grades, diploma and transcripts of a student responsible for intentional damage or loss to the property of the district, a contractor of the district, an employee, or another student until the student or the student's parent/guardian has paid for the damages. If a student has been suspended or expelled, the student may not be readmitted until the student or parents/guardians have made payment in full, or until the superintendent directs otherwise. If the property damaged is a school bus, owned and operated by the district, a student suspended for the damage may not be permitted to enter or ride any school bus until the student or parent/guardian has made payment in full or until directed otherwise by the superintendent.

When the student and parent/ guardian are unable to pay for the damages, the school district will provide a program of voluntary work for the pupil in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of the voluntary work the grades, diploma and transcripts of the student shall be released. The parent/ guardian of the student is liable for damages as otherwise provided by Washington state law.

DEFIANCE OF SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Refusal to obey reasonable requests, instructions and directives of any school personnel, including volunteers or contractors working for the school is the defiance of school authority. Defiance includes dress or appearance in violation of Policy 3224 that the student either refuses to correct at the directive of a school administrator, or that is a persistent and repeated violation of Policy 3240. Defiance of school authority can also include intentional disruptive behavior.

STANDARD RANGE: 0-10 Day Suspension

(District Note: Defiance of school authority is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Student's age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct; and
- Subsequent action taken by student to make amends for misconduct with school personnel.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Part of a pattern of similar misconduct;
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions;
- Substantial disruption to learning of others caused by student's defiance;
- Student attempts to solicit or incite others to engage in defiant behavior;
- Use of lewd, obscene or profane language directed towards supervising school personnel; and
- Conduct is motivated by perceived race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, or any similar actual or perceived characteristic of school personnel.

DRUGS/ALCOHOL AND OTHER PROHIBITED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES/PARAPHERNALIA

The possession, consumption, use, storage, sale or distribution of drugs (including marijuana/cannabis), alcohol, and other similar chemical substances on school grounds, at school activities, or on district-provided transportation is prohibited. For purposes of student conduct expectations. This section applies to:

- Any controlled substance, medication, stimulant, depressant, or mood altering compound, including simulated compounds intended to produce intoxication or euphoria, whether or not such compounds have been designated a controlled substance by state or federal law;
- Marijuana or substances containing marijuana;
- Legally-prescribed drugs which a student is nevertheless not lawfully authorized to possess on school grounds, at school activities, or on district-provided transportation;
- Students who enter school grounds, school activities, or district-provided transportation following the unlawful use or consumption of drugs, alcohol, and other similar chemical substances, including students who appear to be under the influence of such substances;
- Students who possess, distribute or sell things that purport to be drugs or controlled substances; and
- Equally to the possession or use of paraphernalia, including vapor pens and/or electric cigarettes, etc. or other delivery system items that may be used to possess, consume, store, or distribute drugs, alcohol, and/or other illegal chemical substances, including marijuana or substances containing marijuana.

STANDARD RANGE Elementary: 0-10 Day Suspension

STANDARD RANGE Secondary: 3-20 Day Suspension

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- Little or no prior documented misconduct;
- A significantly small amount of substance;
- Student's age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct;
- Momentary or transient handling of the item;
- Admitted or self-reported conduct;
- Student believed that he or she was authorized to possess a lawfully-prescribed drug on campus; and
- Evidence that there was no intent to use, consume, or distribute the substance on school grounds, district-provided transportation, or at school activities.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions;
- A relatively large amount of substance that would reasonably exceed anticipated single use;
- Evidence of sophistication or pre-planning;
- Evidence of distribution or intent to distribute prohibited substances;

- The substance is heroin or another similar opiate (including methadone, oxycodone, etc.), cocaine, methamphetamine, or a similar substance designated as a level one or level two controlled substance with the potential for significant harm and addiction;
- Distribution has been to multiple students;
- Evidence of addiction or continued usage; and
- Conduct is related to gang affiliation.

Generally, a suspension for possession, use or consumption should not exceed ten (10) days, and a suspension for distribution should not exceed twenty (20) days. A suspension for secondary students in either case should not fall below three (3) days.

An expulsion may be imposed for such conduct when sufficient aggravating circumstances are present and in consultation with the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. Emergency expulsion may be imposed when the student's conduct meets the requirements of WAC 392-400-295.

An administrator may draw up a contract with a student serving a suspension, and a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the suspension may be held in abeyance when the student successfully complies with the terms and conditions of the contract.

In all cases in which a student possesses or is distributing on school grounds, at school activities, or on district-provided transportation a substance prohibited under this section that is also a violation of the law, a report will be made by school officials to law enforcement.

FIGHTING OR FIGHTING INVOLVEMENT

Includes instigating, promoting (including promotion by presence as a spectator) and escalating a fight, as well as the failure to disperse at the scene of a fight.

SANCTIONS: See Assault

(District Note: Where assault is not alleged and the school simply imposes discipline under fighting or fighting involvement, such offense is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)

GANG CONDUCT

For school discipline purposes includes the:

- Creation, display or communication of gestures, language, imagery, or symbols as defined below commonly associated with gang culture;
- Promotion of gang culture and/or gang violence; and/or
- Solicitation or recruitment of gang members.

Gang imagery and symbols include, but are not limited to:

- Apparel (including shoelaces, bandanas, belts, or hats) which by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any other attributes indicate or imply gang membership or affiliation; and
- Displays of gang affiliation on personal belongings including clothing, school assignments, notebooks, body, etc.

STANDARD RANGE: 0-10 Day Suspension

(District Note: If the school does not allege gang activity on school grounds in violation of RCW 28A.600.455 or criminal gang intimidation, some “gang conduct” may be a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Student’s age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct;
- Admitted or self-reported conduct; and
- Subsequent remedial steps, including restitution for property damaged or defaced with gang imagery, symbols, or language.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Similar previous conduct;
- Concerted action with other students or non-students;
- Gang conduct in connection with other misconduct prohibited elsewhere by this procedure, including but not limited to assault, harassment, intimidation, bullying, theft and the possession of weapons; and
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions.

Expulsion or long-term suspension for gang conduct alone, absent any other misconduct, may only occur under extraordinary circumstances following consultation with the superintendent or superintendent’s designee.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING

For school discipline purposes, “harassment, intimidation and bullying” includes:

- Intentional hurtful, threatening, or intimidating verbal and/or physical conduct in violation of district policy 3207 and procedure 3207-P1;
- Unsolicited or unwelcome verbal or physical conduct that is harassing or intimidating that can be of a sexual, religious, racial or ethnic nature, or based on disability; and
- A threat to cause bodily injury, property damage, or to cause the physical confinement or restraint of the person threatened, or any other act causing substantial harm to the physical or mental health of the person threatened.

STANDARD RANGE Elementary: 0-10 Day Suspension

STANDARD RANGE: Secondary: 3-20 Day Suspension

**(District Note: Harassment, intimidation or bullying that does not constitute criminal “harassment” under chapter 9A.46 RCW (i.e., threats) or any other offense specifically listed in Policy 3241 or procedure 3241P (e.g., assault or malicious mischief) is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)*

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Student’s age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct;
- Admitted or self-reported conduct; and
- Subsequent action taken by student to make amends for misconduct with the victim.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Threat of serious injury;
- Use of an object or weapon;
- Premeditated conduct;
- Part of a pattern of similar misconduct against the same victim;
- Prior assault(s) threat(s), harassment, or bullying by the student against the same victim;
- Exceptional severity or cruelty;
- Conduct is motivated by perceived race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, or any similar actual or perceived characteristic of the victim;
- Conduct is motivated by actual or perceived gang rivalry or affiliation; and
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions.

LEWD, OBSCENE, OR PROFANE LANGUAGE, GESTURES OR MATERIALS

For purposes of school discipline, this includes, but is not limited to, lewd, obscene or profane language, gestures or materials. Prohibited “materials” includes digital or electronic text, images or sounds that are possessed, displayed or transmitted.

STANDARD RANGE: 0-10 Day Suspension

(District Note: Lewd, obscene, or profane language gesture or materials that do not constitute a “sex offense” as defined in Policy 3241 and procedure 3241P is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Student’s age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct; and
- Subsequent action taken by student to make amends for misconduct.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Part of a pattern of similar misconduct;
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions;
- Substantial disruption to learning of others caused by student’s defiance;
- Student attempts to solicit or incite others to engage in behavior; and
- Conduct is motivated by perceived race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, or any similar actual or perceived characteristic of school personnel.

Any conduct under this section that could constitute a criminal act will be reported to law enforcement. Any conduct under this section that involves the use of district resources or equipment may result in the loss or restriction of a student's use of district systems, resources or equipment.

TARDINESS

Schedule a conference or conferences with the custodial parent/guardian and student, at a time reasonably convenient for all, for the purpose of analyzing the causes of the student's tardiness; and

- Take steps to eliminate the tardies, including adjusting the student's school program, or school/course assignment.

(District Note: Tardiness is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)

THEFT/STEALING

Possession of another person's or district property, regardless of value, without the person's permission with the intent to deprive the owner of such property is theft/stealing. As part of the sanction, restitution will usually be required.

STANDARD RANGE: 0-10 Day Suspension

(District Note: Theft and stealing are discretionary discipline offenses under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- Property returned to victim;
- Student's age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct;
- Admitted or self-reported conduct; and
- Subsequent remedial steps, including restitution to district or victim of misconduct.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Significant damage in extent or cost;
- Similar previous conduct;
- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions;
- Conduct is motivated by perceived race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, or any similar actual or perceived characteristic of the victim; and
- Conduct is motivated by gang affiliation.

Note: Under RCW 28A.635.060 (1), the school district may withhold the grades, diploma and transcripts of a pupil responsible for intentional damage or loss to the property of the district, a contractor of the district, an employee, or another student until the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian has paid for the damages. If a student has been suspended or expelled, the student may not be readmitted until the student or parents or legal guardian has made payment in full, or until

the superintendent directs otherwise. If the property damaged is a school bus owned and operated by the district, a student suspended for the damage may not be permitted to enter or ride any school bus until the student or parent/guardian has made payment in full or until directed otherwise by the superintendent.

When the student and parent/guardian, are unable to pay for the damages, the school district will provide a program of voluntary work for the student in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of the voluntary work the grades, diploma and transcripts of the student shall be released. The parent/guardian of the student is liable for damages as otherwise provided by Washington state law.

TOBACCO/NICOTINE PRODUCTS - USE OR POSSESSION

Students may not smoke, use tobacco products or products containing nicotine, or possess tobacco products on school or district premises or at school or district-sponsored functions. Tobacco includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances and any other tobacco innovation. It is important to note that the possession of nicotine delivering devices, electronic smoking/vapor devices, “vapor pens,” and non-prescribed inhalers that may be used to deliver illegal drugs are drug/alcohol infractions. See the section titled: DRUGS/ALCOHOL AND OTHER PROHIBITED CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES/PARAPHERNALIA.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

See sanctions for Defiance of School Authorities

SECONDARY STUDENTS

FIRST OFFENSE: Complete Second Chance Interactive tobacco education program. Contact the Student Services Office for log-in information and password. [Refusal or failure to complete Tobacco Intervention Packet shall be considered to be a tobacco-related offense for which students may receive school discipline sanctions as described in Defiance of School Authorities]

STANDARD RANGE:

Possession of tobacco – 0 days of suspension

Use of tobacco at school or a district event: 0-5 Day Suspension

SECOND OFFENSE: Participate in a counseling/education program to learn about the health risks of tobacco/nicotine use. Refusal to complete the counseling or education program shall be considered defiance of school authorities for which students may receive school discipline that includes up to five additional days of suspension.

STANDARD RANGE:

Possession of tobacco – 0-5 days of suspension

Use of tobacco at school or a district event: 5-10 Day Suspension

THIRD OFFENSE: Depending on prior history of tobacco use or possession, the administrator may determine it is necessary for the student to repeat participation in a counseling/education program to learn about the health risks of tobacco/nicotine use. Since the student has had two or more previous incidents, the third or more incident of tobacco possession or use shall also be considered defiance of school authorities.

STANDARD RANGE:

Possession of tobacco – 5-10 days of suspension

Use of tobacco at school or a district event: 10-20 Day Suspension

(District Note: Use or possession of tobacco or nicotine products is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)

TRUANCY

See Policy and Procedure 3122.

WEAPONS

This section addresses the possession or use of actual weapons in violation of district policy 3233, including firearms, dangerous weapons and other items listed within that policy. This includes when a student acts with malice as defined under RCW 9A.04.110 and displays a device that appears to be a firearm. Objects and conduct that fall outside of Policy 3233_ should be addressed under other sections, as appropriate.

STANDARD RANGE: 0-20 Day Suspension

SANCTION FOR FIREARM AT SCHOOL: Emergency Expulsion and Expulsion (see below)

MITIGATING FACTORS:

- No prior documented misconduct;
- No injury or damage caused;
- No evidence that student intended to display or use the weapon;
- The weapon is a small pocketknife with a blade three (3) inches or less;
- Student's age and/or inability to understand potential consequences of the conduct;
- Admitted or self-reported conduct; and
- Student offers credible evidence that he or she had the weapon for legitimate purposes away from school and unintentionally brought the object to school.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS:

- Previous discipline record of student warranting progressive sanctions;
- Student used the weapon in furtherance of an assault, to intimidate another, cause injury, and/or to cause physical damage to property;

- Student displayed, activated or discharged the weapon in a reckless manner;
- Evidence of premeditation;
- Display or use of the weapon was motivated by perceived race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, or any similar actual or perceived characteristic of a person intimidated or assaulted;
- Conduct is motivated by actual or perceived gang rivalry or affiliation;
- The weapon is an air-gun or firearm;
- The weapon is any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon and which is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun which projects wired probes that are attached to the device that emit an electrical charge designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse; and
- The object appears to be a firearm and the student displaying or using the object does so with malice.

Any student who is determined to have carried a firearm or to have possessed a firearm on school premises, school-provided transportation, or school sponsored activities at any facility shall be expelled from school for not less than one year (12 months) under RCW 28A.600.420, with notification to parents and law enforcement. The district superintendent or the superintendent's designee is authorized to modify the expulsion of a student on a case-by-case basis.

The school district may also suspend or expel a student for up to one year if the student acts with malice as defined under RCW 9A.04.110 and displays a device that appears to be a firearm.

Expulsion may result based upon the administrator's judgment of the seriousness of the act or circumstances surrounding the act, and/or the previous record of the student.

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