

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Student Code of Conduct sets forth specific guidelines for student behavior to preserve the health, safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors, and guarantee an orderly educational process to happen. We believe in reinforcing positive behavior and each teacher has adopted reward systems in their classrooms that meet the individual needs of their students. Individual teachers will advise parents of their unique classroom rules, consequences, and reward system. If misbehavior reaches Level 2 or 3, the principal will determine the needed consequences.

LEVEL 1 MISCONDUCT

Minor misconduct that interferes with the orderly educational process and is generally handled within the format of the discipline plan of the teacher or supervisor.

1. Classroom disturbances
2. Simple disobedience
3. Dishonesty, cheating, lying, stealing
4. Dress code violations
5. Throwing objects
6. Missed assignments
7. Inappropriate language
8. Disregard for established rules and procedures
9. Minor vandalism or damage to school materials
10. Rules specific to the discipline plan of the staff member
11. Other minor misbehavior that interferes with the educational program

LEVEL 2 MISCONDUCT

Serious misconduct that warrants referral to the principal. Action taken may range from verbal reprimand, counseling, parent conferences, loss of privileges (including the right to participate in field trips and/or extra-curricular events such as Special Olympics), after school detention, emergency removal, in school suspension, and out of school suspension, depending on the individual situation and age of the child.

1. Unresolved level 1 conduct
2. Truancy or skipping class
3. Forging notes, excuses, or progress reports
4. Threatening or intimidating any student or school employee
5. Verbal abuse or disrespect toward a school employee
6. Unauthorized use of an electronic device (cell phone, recording device, MP3 player, etc.)
7. Hazing or other acts of harassment toward another student
8. Leaving school grounds without permission
9. Possession of tobacco or tobacco products
10. Destruction of school property
11. Entering the building after school hours without permission
12. Repeated and malicious disrespect towards authority
13. Gambling
14. Repeated bus misconduct
15. Profane, vulgar or improper language or actions
16. Theft
17. Inappropriate shows of affection
18. Other major misbehavior that interferes with the educational program

LEVEL 3 MISCONDUCT

Very serious misconduct that in most cases warrants immediate out of school suspension, and could result in expulsion. At level 3, the student will not be permitted to participate in any school functions, including extra-curricular events. The local law enforcement agencies may be notified as necessary.

1. Unresolved level 2 misconduct
2. Fighting
3. Causing or attempting to cause deliberate physical injury to another student, school employee, or visitor.
4. Extortion
5. Use or distribution of smoking or chewing tobacco products.
6. Malicious destruction of school property.
7. Arson, attempted arson, or conspiracy to commit arson.
8. Deliberate sounding of a false alarm.
9. Possession of a weapon or object that could reasonably be considered a weapon.
10. Possession of inappropriate materials that could be reasonably considered libelous, or slanderous toward any student, employee, ethnic group, religion or race.
11. Possession of inappropriate materials that could reasonably be considered offensive to prevailing community standards of decency.
12. Possession, sale, use, purchasing or distribution of narcotics, alcoholic beverages, stimulants, drugs and/or counterfeit* controlled substance.
13. Initiating a bomb threat or conspiracy to call a bomb threat.
14. Assault of another student, school employee, or visitor.

* Counterfeit controlled substance can be defined as drug or non-drug product That is misrepresented as a controlled substance because of its shape, size, and color or other marking.