

Discipline at a Glance

We make every attempt to be sure that expectations and rules are posted, articulated and explained. However, some student conduct is subject to consequence and/or punishment whether or not there is a rule. This is because schools may assume that any child of a particular age, mental ability and years of school experience ought to know that a particular behavior is wrong. School districts are not required to write codes of conduct which are exhaustive in scope and include every possible scenario. *Bethel School District V Fraser (1986) 106 S Ct 3159*

The purpose of this guide below is to help students and parents understand the types of behaviors which may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions may include one or more of the following depending on the severity of the problem and/or the number of times the problem or other problems have occurred. A student might receive a warning, lunch detention or administrative detention. More serious infractions or ongoing infractions may result in a parent conference, teacher suspension, suspension, or a recommendation for expulsion.

The chart below is provided only as an overview of the Discipline Plan, and again is not meant to be exhaustive in scope.

Category One

(Part of a teacher's routine class management and not normally subject to referral to the administration.)

- Not doing class work/not coming prepared
- Excessive talking/talking without permission
- Out of seat without permission
- Not keeping hands/feet to self
- Tardy to class
- Writing notes/passing notes
- Gum chewing
- Littering
- Put downs/disrespect for others
- Cheating/forgery

(May be referred to the administration after teacher interventions have been exhausted. Teacher phone call to parent is required.)

- Use of profanity
- Unacceptable use of internet/on-line resource
- Leaving class without permission
- Throwing objects
- Rudeness to teacher
- Ongoing disruptive conduct
- Inappropriate dress
- Chewing gum on an ongoing basis
- Use of cell phone, iPod, other electronic devices
- Public displays of affection

Category Three

Category Two

(Recommend immediate referral to the administration on first offense. Student subject to suspension. Suspension may be 1 to 5 days.)

- Inappropriate physical activity
- Throwing food/water
- Harassment/intimidation/threats
- Arguing in public
- Confronting other students
- Possession/use of fireworks/stinkbombs
- Possession of lighter/matches
- Vandalism/attempted vandalism
- Graffiti
- Stealing
- Defiance/disrespect to adults/profanity towards adult
- Racial/gender/religious related insults/incidents
- Fighting
- Retaliation/threats for reporting an inappropriate act
- Committing an obscene act
- Possession/use of drugs/drug paraphernalia/tobacco/alcohol
- Possession of a knife

Category Four

(Requires immediate referral to the administration and will result in

recommendation for expulsion. *Starred items require principal's exception.)

- Sale of drugs on campus
- Possession of an explosive
- Possession/sale/furnishing a firearm
- Brandishing a knife
- Committing or attempting sexual assault or battery
- Arson*
- Robbery*
- Extortion*
- Possession of a weapon*
- Assault/battery on a school employee*
- Terrorist threats against employees*
- Causing serious physical injury*