

SMOKING/USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Students will not be permitted to possess, use, or sell tobacco products in any form while in school buildings, on school property, in school buses, during any school sponsored activities, or on the way to and from school sponsored activities. For purposes of this policy, the phrase "tobacco products" includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, and/or any electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or any other substance to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, vape, cigar, cigarillo, or pipe.

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Suspension during Exams

When a student is suspended during nine weeks/midterm/final examinations, he/she may be given the opportunity to take missed examinations at a time specified by the principal or designee. The following terms/conditions apply during the time students are on out-of-school suspension:

- While suspended, a student may not attend or participate in school functions or enter school property for any reason.
- When a student is suspended, his/her teachers must be notified immediately concerning the date and duration of the suspension. Suspension is an excused absence
- A suspended student must comply with the full length of the suspension unless the principal approves an alternative.

Students with Disabilities

This policy shall not be read to contradict federal and state laws/regulations concerning students with disabilities. When disciplinary measures involve students with disabilities, said law/regulations shall prevail in the case of any inconsistency with this policy.

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REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY SELF

All students must, upon request, identify themselves to school authorities while in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school-sponsored events, and failing to do so constitutes a violation of board policy. A person who refuses to identify himself/herself upon request of school officials will be considered trespassing.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual Harassment Prohibited

In accordance with Title IX and its regulations (34 CFR Part 106), the Board does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender in the education programs and activities that it operates, and it strictly prohibits such discrimination on the basis of sex or gender in its education programs or activities, including sexual harassment, as defined by law and Board policy. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX regulations may be referred to the Board's Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the Department of Education, or both. Sexual harassment complaints will be filed and reviewed under this policy. All other complaints under Title IX will be filed and reviewed according to the Board's general complaint and grievance procedures.

Sexual harassment in any form that is directed toward students and/or employees is prohibited. Persons who violate the policy will be subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences up to and including termination (for employees) and expulsion (for students) as dictated by the nature and severity of the violation and other relevant considerations. If appropriate, the circumstances constituting the violation may be reported to law enforcement agencies or child welfare agencies for further investigation and action.

Title IX Coordinator

The Superintendent is authorized and directed to designate a Title IX Coordinator to oversee implementation and enforcement of this policy, as well as compliance with applicable procedures, rules

- 1.1 **Excessive distraction** of other students: Any conduct and/or behavior that is disruptive to the orderly educational process in the classroom or any similar grouping.
- 1.2 **Unauthorized organizations:** Any on-campus participation in non-sanctioned fraternities, sororities, secret societies, or non-affiliated clubs.
- 1.3 **Excessive Tardiness:** Reporting late to school or class.
- 1.4 **Use of profane or obscene language**
- 1.5 **Non-conformity to dress code**
- 1.6 **Minor disruption on a school bus**
- 1.7 **Inappropriate public display of affection**
- 1.8 **Unauthorized absence from class or school**
- 1.9 **Repeated refusal to complete class assignments and failure to bring required instructional materials to class**
- 1.10 **Minor vehicular violations**
- 1.11 **Littering of school property**
- 1.12 **Academic dishonesty**
- 1.13 **Soliciting, procuring, causing, encouraging, aiding, abetting, or assisting another to commit any of the Class I offenses**
- 1.14 **Any other violation of school rule or disruption that has a detrimental impact on school activities or the educational process that the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category.**

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSES – CLASS I

Administrative responses for Class I violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Student conference
- Parent contact(s)/conference(s)
- Detention
- Suspension from bus Corporal punishment
- Principal's probation

INTERMEDIATE OFFENSES – CLASS II

- 2.1 **Defiant use of a personal electronic communication device or Student Dress Code**
- 2.2 **Defiance of Board employee's authority**
- 2.3 **A. Possession, control, or use of tobacco products, lighters, matches**
- 2.3 **B. Vape/Vapor possession:** Possession of a device used to inhale and exhale vapor containing nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance.
- 2.3 **C. Vape/Vapor Usage:** Using a device used to inhale and exhale vapor containing nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance
- 2.3 **D. Vape/Vapor sale:** Selling of a device used to inhale and exhale vapor containing nicotine and/or flavoring or other substance
- 2.4 **Intentional touching, striking, or badgering of another**
- 2.5 **Fighting:** Any physical conflict involving two or more individuals
- 2.6 **Vandalism:** Intentional and deliberate action resulting in injury or damages of less than \$200 to public property or the real or personal property of another
- 2.7 **Stealing – Larceny – Petty Theft:** The intentional, taking and/or carrying away of public, real, or personal property valued at less than \$100 belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- 2.8 **Possession of stolen property**
- 2.9 **Threats to commit extortion:** NOTE: Completion of the threat, either by the victim