

## **EXPULSION**

A student shall be subject to expulsion from all Walker County Schools in cases involving serious and/or continued misconduct after all other reasonable disciplinary measures have failed to secure satisfactory results, and/or the general welfare of the school is seriously threatened. The Walker County Board of Education has the authority to expel a student after all due process procedures have been followed. Expulsion may be either temporary or permanent. The student will not be allowed on any Walker County Board property while expelled.

## **180° PROGRAM**

The Walker County Board of Education has the authority and jurisdiction to place students in the 180° Program. A student who has shown that he/she cannot function in the normal school setting may be sent to 180°. The placement should be based upon the discretion of the Administrative Review Team. The placement and length of placement may also be directed by the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. 180° has a more restrictive set of rules, regulations, and procedures. The primary purpose of the 180° is behavior modification, but can serve in other capacities. All students referred to the 180° must make an appointment and be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

A referral to 180° should not be made for Class I infractions. Primarily, the referrals should be reserved for Class III infractions. Referrals will be considered after multiple Class II infractions, after the school's administrative staff has utilized other options, there are extenuating circumstances, or if 180° placement is mandated by a policy. Placement for multiple Class II offenses must be approved by the Administrative Review Team. All Class III offenses will result in 180° placement without a probationary meeting for a minimum of twenty (20) days.

## **STUDENT ANTI-BULLYING**

No student shall engage in or be subjected to bullying, violence, threats of violence, or intimidation by any other student that is based on any of the specific characteristics that have been identified by the Board in WCBOE Policy 6.24/VI. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. (Details of this policy can be found in the policy manual located on the district's website).

## **TOBACCO/ VAPING**

Use or possession of tobacco in any form including vapor and/or electronic cigarettes, chemical pods, etc. is expressly prohibited on school premises, during school-sponsored activities (on or off campus), and on school buses including

trips at all times, regardless of whether school is in or out of session. On the first offense, administrators may use any Class II disposition for the discipline. On the second and any subsequent offense, the offense shall be coded as a Class III with appropriate consequences. Tobacco, vaping devices or other items will not be returned if confiscated from students on school property or at school-sponsored events.

### **DRUGS, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS, PHYSICAL HARM, OR THREATENED PHYSICAL HARM**

The school administrator or his/her designee shall notify appropriate law enforcement officials when a person violates local board of education policies concerning drugs, alcohol, weapons, physical harm to a person, or threatened physical harm to a person. If any criminal charge is warranted, the administrator or designee is authorized to sign the appropriate warrant. If that person is a student, the local school system shall immediately suspend that person from attending regular classes and schedule a hearing within 5 school days. Following a Class III violation or multiple Class II violations, a student can be suspended to the Central Office where the Superintendent or his/her designee and administrators will conduct a due process hearing for the purpose of assigning students to the 180° Program or other measures deemed appropriate. If the decision to expel the student is made, the expulsion shall be for any length of time up to the end of the current school year or one (1) calendar year. The Superintendent shall, by letter, notify the parent/guardian of the Walker County Board of Education's decision within ten days after it is made.

If a person is found to have violated a local board of education policy concerning drugs, alcohol, weapons, physical harm to a person or threatened physical harm to a person, the person may not be readmitted to the public schools until criminal charges, if any, have been disposed of by appropriate authorities and the person has satisfied all other requirements imposed by the local board of education as a condition for readmission.

### **GUN-FREE (WEAPON) POLICY**

In accordance with the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 (Section 14601), the Walker County Board of Education prohibits any student from bringing to or possessing a weapon at any Walker County School or any school-sponsored event.

All violations of this policy shall be reported immediately to the appropriate law enforcement authority(ies). The parents of any student determined to have violated this policy shall be contacted. Any student determined to have violated this policy shall be immediately suspended from school pending the investigation of the violation or alleged violation.

Upon the completion of the investigation, any student violating this policy

## MAJOR OFFENSES – CLASS II

- 2.01 Excessive Class I violations
- 2.02 Disrespect to School Board employees
- 2.03 Defiance of School Board employee’s authority  
*Any verbal or nonverbal refusal to comply with a lawful directive or order of a School Board employee. (This may be coded as a Class III offense at the discretion of the administration.)*
- 2.04 Minor vandalism/Defacing school property  
*Intentional and deliberate action resulting in damages of less than \$100 to public property or the real or personal property of another*
- 2.05 Inciting student disorder (minor), “including physical and verbal altercations.”
- 2.06 *The intentional, unlawful participation in gambling activities involving amounts less than \$100*
- 2.07 Stealing-Larceny-Petty Theft  
*The intentional, unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property valued at less than \$100 belonging to or in the lawful possession or custody of another*
- 2.08 Possession of small pocket knives (blade 2” or less) or possession of bullets, shells, etc.
- 2.09 Use of obscene manifestations/profanity (written, verbal, or gesture) directed toward another student, “including Hate Speech.”
- 2.10 Leaving class without permission/unauthorized absence and still on campus (skipping.)
- 2.11 Minor intimidation of a student  
*Minor intimidation of another student by minor physical force, verbal threats, name calling, teasing, bullying, etc. (Bullying may be considered a Class III Offense depending on the circumstances.)*
- 2.12 Unauthorized use or operation of privately or personally owned vehicles on Walker County Board of Education property.
- 2.13 Possession of laser locks, pointers and/or lights on any Board property- *This violation could be coded a Class III offense (flagrant use of), depending upon the circumstances surrounding the instance.*

- 2.14 Possession of cell phones and other communication devices within the normal operating time of the school day.
- 2.15 Use or possession of tobacco products/ vaping products(K-4)  
*Holding of a cigarette/cigar, etc., inhaling the smoke of tobacco, the using of any other tobacco products, or possession/use of matches and lighter. This includes Vapor and E-cigarette products, Chemical Pods, etc.*
- 2.16 Violation of Medical Policy
- 2.17 Any other offense which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after extenuating circumstances AS “Unauthorized Use, Misuse, or Abuse of Board owned or local School Computer system to include Social Media, the Internet, and System applications (mail, documents, etc.)
- 2.18 Any other violation(s) which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstance

**\*\*\*DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS/MAJOR OFFENSES – CLASS II**

STUDENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE OFFICE FOR ANY CLASS II OFFENSE.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPTIONS**

- 1. Parent or guardian contact or conference and in-school disciplinary action may include, but not be limited to, probations, varying types of detentions, completion of academic assignments, before or after school work assignments, in-school detention, and corporal punishment.
- 2. In-School Suspension or Suspension
- 3. Central Office Hearing: Following multiple Class II violations, a student can be suspended to the Central Office where the Superintendent or his/her designee and administrators will conduct a due process hearing for the purpose of assigning students to alternative school or other measures deemed appropriate. If the decision to expel the student is made, the expulsion shall be for any length of time up to the end of the current school year or one (1) calendar year. The Superintendent shall, by letter, notify the parent/guardian of the Walker County Board of Education’s decision within ten days after it is made.
- 4. 180° Program placement with the prior approval of the Administrative Review Team.
- 5. Recommendation for expulsion

### **SERIOUS OFFENSES – CLASS III**

- 3.01 Excessive Class II violations (Must refer to Administrative Review Team before placement in 180° Program)
- 3.02 Leaving campus without permission
- 3.03 Drugs, Alcohol, Drug Paraphernalia  
*Unauthorized possession, transfer, use (under the influence of) or sale of drugs, drug paraphernalia (to include rolling papers or seeds), or alcoholic beverages. This also includes dispensing or selling substances which may be represented as having a narcotic or hallucinogenic effect even though the substance may not have such effect*
- 3.04 Battery/Assault on a School Board Employee  
*The intentional, unlawful threat by word or act to do violence to a Board employee, coupled with an apparent ability to do so, and the performance of some act which creates a well-founded fear in the other person that such violence is imminent; also, to include such offenses which occur afterschool hours and/or off school grounds if reasonably related to a school activity*
- 3.05 Arson  
*The willful and malicious burning of any part of Board property*
- 3.06 Robbery/Stealing/Burglary  
*The taking of property by force, the intentional taking of property valued at more than \$100, entering a school building after the premise is closed*
- 3.07 Gambling  
*The intentional, unlawful participation in gambling activities involving amounts of more than \$100*
- 3.08 Criminal Mischief  
*Willful and malicious injury or damages at or in excess of \$200 to public property, or to real or personal property belonging to another*
- 3.09 Possession of firearms/Discharging of a firearm  
*Any firearm (including a starter gun and air rifle) which will, or is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any component of a gun to include a clip or any other part of a gun.*
- 3.10 Possession of dangerous instruments/weapons to include large knives (2” or more), razor blades, cutting tools, brass knuckles, hypodermic needles, or other similar objects or devices.

- 3.11 Bomb threats/ unnecessarily dialing 911/Unjust activation of fire extinguisher  
*Any such communication(s) concerning school Board property which has the effect of interrupting the educational environment; each of these offenses is a felony criminal offense.*
- 3.12 Possession/igniting of explosives  
*Any destructive device, fireworks, firecrackers, smoke bombs, stink bombs, or any type of explosives (any part of an explosive device, whether active or inactive)*
- 3.13 Sexual acts/Unsolicited proposition to engage in sexual acts/Offensive touching or pinching/Violation of Sexual Harassment Policy  
*Acts of a sexual nature including, but not limited to, pinching, touching, battery, intercourse, attempted rape, rape, inappropriate touching of oneself, or any sexual act*
- 3.14 Inciting or participating in major student disorder  
*Leading, encouraging or assisting in major disruptions which result in destruction or damage of private or public property or personal injury to participants or others; also, to include disruption of the normal school day operations*
- 3.15 Open defiance of a teacher or Board employee
- 3.16 Threats/Extortion  
*(Principals should use their discretion as to the seriousness of the situation, the age of the student(s) involved, and the impact on the school as to which classification [Class II or III] the incident should merit)*
- 3.17 Directing obscene, profane language or gestures to a School Board employee during or after school hours on or off school grounds if reasonably related to school activity
- 3.18 Assault/battery/bullying of another student  
*The student will be placed in the 180° Program a minimum of 10 days (K-4) or 20 days (5-12)*
- 3.19 “No Fight Policy”  
*A fight is any physical conflict between two or more individuals, to include provoking, agitating, and/or inciting a fight/confrontation (racial slurs, name calling, threats, etc., that lead to physical confrontations)*

The home school principal will use professional judgment in determining if the offense is a fight or an assault. After thorough investigation of the

incident, the home school principal may deem it necessary to determine the appropriate disciplinary action for all parties involved. However, the minimum placement for the instigator(s)/aggressor(s) will be a minimum of 20 days in the 180° Program. All other parties involved, based on the investigation, may receive punishment at the home school, i.e. I.S.S., I.S.D., suspension, etc.

- 3.20 Fleeing School Board employee / Providing false information / Refusal to cooperate with School Board employee / Refusal of a reasonable search
- 3.21 Indecent exposure/Public lewdness/Mooning/Pornographic material/  
Sexting
- 3.22 Trespassing/Loitering  
*Willfully entering or remaining in any structure, conveyance, or property without being authorized, licensed, or invited; or having been authorized, licensed, or invited is warned by an authorized person to depart and refusing to do so (any student currently suspended or expelled may not be on Board property – this includes after school activities – ball games, dances, etc.)*
- 3.23 Unauthorized use, misuse, or abuse of Board or local school computer system to include the internet “, including Social Media posts that disrupt the school day whether the posting occurring during or after school hours.”
- 3.24 Violation of Gang Policy/Illegal Organizations (to include the possession and/or distribution of literature)  
*A gang is a group of 2 or more people who interact together to the exclusion of others, exhibit antisocial behavior, imply membership or affiliation by written communication, oral remarks, gestures, emblems, or dress.*

The types of dress, activities, acts, hand gestures, graffiti, drawings, behaviors, or grooming displayed, reflected, or participated in by the student shall not:

- Lead school officials to believe such behavior, apparel, activities, acts or other attributes are gang related
- Disrupt or interfere with the school environment, activities and/or educational objectives
- Create an atmosphere in which the well-being of a student, staff members, or other person is hindered by undue pressure, physical or mental intimidation, overt gesture, or threat of violence; imply, stimulate or exhibit any reference, which is judged to be related to or associated with gang affiliation or gang activity.

This includes any on-campus activities, fraternities, sororities, secret organizations, or non-affiliated school clubs. This includes hazing on or off

school grounds.

- 3.25 Any material and/or conduct that contributes to antisocial or terroristic acts or threats, and/or any materials that depict the same, and/or failure to report any prior knowledge of potentially dangerous situations to proper authorities
- 3.26 Use or possession of tobacco products/ vaping products. (7-12)  
*Holding of a cigarette/cigar, etc., inhaling the smoke of tobacco, the using of any other tobacco products, or possession/use of matches and lighter. This includes Vapor and E-cigarette products, Chemical Pods, etc. First offense- 180 placement, further violations result in further placement and court referral for unlawful possession.*
- 3.27 Abuse of Medication Policy
- 3.28 Any other offense which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances (Must refer to Administrative Review Team before referring to 180° Program)

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS/SERIOUS OFFENSES – CLASS III**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OPTIONS**

1. In-school Suspension, or Suspension, and/or recommendation for 180° placement after parent contact
2. Following a Class III violation, a student can be suspended to the Central Office where the Superintendent or his/her designee and administrators will conduct a due process hearing for the purpose of assigning students to 180° or other measures deemed appropriate. If the decision to expel the student is made, the expulsion shall be for any length of time up to the end of the current school year or one (1) calendar year. The Superintendent shall, by letter, notify the parent/guardian of the Walker County Board of Education's decision within ten days after it is made.
3. Recommendation for expulsion

**ADMISSION TO AND CONDUCT AT SCHOOL EVENTS**

The Walker County Board of Education recognizes that there is a certain minimum standard of conduct and behavior required of all persons, including students, who attend athletic events and other events sponsored by or conducted as part of the educational program of the Walker County Board of Education.

The school Administrator reserves the right to restrict admission or attendance at any school activity.

Unless otherwise announced and subject to such admission charges as may be imposed, all athletic contests, concerts, graduation exercises, and other similar