

Student Conduct Expectations

As authorized by chapter 28A.600 RCW, the following procedure sets forth rights of and conduct expectations for students, along with the sanctions contained in 3240P2 and 3240P3, that which may be imposed for violations of such expectations. At all times, this procedure will be read consistently with federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law, and rules promulgated by the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Respect for the Law and the Rights of Others

The student is 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.

Scope of District Authority

Students who involve themselves by engaging in, attempting to engage in, and/or conspiring to engage in acts that have a detrimental effect on the maintenance and operation of the school or the 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:

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- 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.

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, and as also stated in school student handbooks. For purposes of Regulation 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-or rules.

The Engaging in, attempting to engage in, and/or conspiring to engage in any of following list of offenses generally describes such conduct, but is not intended to be exclusive. Each is specifically prohibited on school grounds, on school sponsored transportation, at school events off school grounds, and off school grounds if the conduct materially and substantially affects the educational process or District operations.

Such misconduct may also result in an expulsion or emergency expulsion under the circumstances described in Regulation 3241 and Procedure 3241P.

Alteration of Records – Falsification, alteration, or destruction of any school record or any communication between home and school is prohibited.

Arson - Knowingly and/or maliciously causing a fire or explosion is prohibited.

Assault - The threatened or attempted use of force or violence upon the person of another is prohibited. Pursuant to RCW 28A.635.090, students who interfere by force or violence with school personnel or other students are subject to immediate suspension or expulsion.

Attendance - Students must maintain regular school attendance in accordance with Regulation 3122.

Bomb Threats - Threatening to bomb or damage any public school facility or property is prohibited.

Bullying – Any intentional written message or image - including those that are electronically transmitted, verbal or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics, when the act:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property; or
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education (for example, substantially interfering with classroom performance, attendance, or pattern of tardiness) or
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Burglary - Breaking into a school with intent to steal is prohibited.

Cheating - Intentional deception in the preparation or completion of any school assignment, assessment, examination or project, or in the conduct of any school-related activity is prohibited, along with the aiding and abetting of such behavior by others.

Criminal Activity - 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

Dangerous Behavior - Engaging in behavior which a reasonable person would know creates a risk of injury to another individual is prohibited.

Defiance - Students must obey the lawful instructions of school personnel.

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Destruction of Property - Defacing, injuring or damaging school property in any way is prohibited. Pursuant to RCW 28A.635.060. Students and parent/guardian are liable to the school District for all damages to school District property. A student's grades, diploma, or transcript may be withheld pending repayment.

Discriminatory Harassment - conduct or communication Conduct or communication that (1) is intended to be harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening, and (2) shows hostility toward a person or persons based on their real or perceived sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran or military status, disability, or use of a trained dog guide or service animal.

Disruptive Conduct - Willful conduct which creates a disturbance on school premises or bus or interferes with the educational process is prohibited. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Occupying a school building or school grounds in order to deprive others of its use;
- B. Blocking the entrance or exit of any school building or room in order to deprive others of passing through;
- C. Preventing students from attending a class or school activity;
- D. Blocking normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a school campus
- E. Interfering seriously with the conduct of any class or activity.

Disruptive Dress and Appearance - Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems, intimidate others, or cause disruption. See Regulation 3224.

Drugs, Alcohol and Mind-Altering Substances - Students shall not illegally use, possess, sell, distribute or be under the influence of drugs, alcohol, mind-altering substances, medication not prescribed to them by a physician and approved in writing by the parent/guardian, drug paraphernalia or any item which purports to be such. Sale of drugs, alcohol or mind-altering substances misconduct is deemed exceptional and may result in immediate suspension or expulsion for a first-time offense.

Explosives - Possession or use of anything tending or serving to explode with force or violence, such as firecrackers, bullets or pipe bombs, is prohibited.

Extortion/Blackmail/Coercion - Obtaining money or property by violence or threat of violence, or forcing someone to do something by force or threat of force is prohibited.

False Accusations/Defamation - Students shall not make untrue charges of wrongful conduct or other defamatory statements.

False Alarms/Fire Apparatus - Setting off false alarms, discharging or stealing fire extinguisher or damaging alarm systems is prohibited.

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Fighting - The act of quarreling involving bodily contact is prohibited. 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.

Forgery - The act of fraudulently using in writing the name of another person or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses or other data is prohibited.

Gambling – The act of risking or betting something of value on the outcome of an event, a game of chance, etc. is prohibited?

Gang Activity - Students shall not display, reflect, or participate in dress, apparel, activities, acts, behaviors, or manner of grooming which: (a) lead school officials to reasonably believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts or other attributes are gang related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment, activity or educational objectives; (b) present a physical safety hazard to self, students, staff and others; (c) create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is adversely affected by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence, or (d) imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school or personal property or on one's person.

Harassment, Malicious - Derogatory action or intimidation of another person in a way that places that person in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or property; or disrupts the learning environment is prohibited. See Regulation 3205 and 3207.

Harassment, Sexual - Unwelcome or uninvited sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexual comments, cartoons, innuendoes and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature is prohibited. See Regulation 3205.

Hazing - Students shall not participate, conspire to participate, or conspire for others to participate in hazing or harassing acts that injure, degrade or disgrace, or tend to injure, degrade or disgrace other individuals.

Inappropriate Display of Affection - Overt displays of affection or sexually-oriented actions which violate standards of acceptable social conduct are prohibited.

Inappropriate Language or Conduct - Vulgar, obscene or profane language or conduct, whether spoken, in writing, or in gesture or action, is prohibited.

Intimidation - Intimidation of school personnel or other students by direct threat of force or violence is prohibited.

Laser Pointers – Use and/or possession of laser points by students in any circumstance not under the direct supervision of a teacher is prohibited

Leaving Campus During School Hours — Students are required to remain on the school grounds from time of arrival unless officially excused. Students involved with approved off-campus activities during school hours must have a valid off-campus pass in their possession. Visitations to other schools must be approved in advance by both principals.

Littering - Throwing, dropping, depositing, or discarding of litter is prohibited on public property.

Loitering - Loitering in lavatories, parking lots and areas designated off-limits is prohibited.

Misuse of Electronic Information Systems - Students shall comply with the Responsible Use Handbook and Procedure 2022P when using electronic information systems such as e-mail, networks, and the Internet.

Motor Vehicles on School Property - Use of motor driven vehicles on school property by students, visitors, and school employees shall be regulated in the interest of safety.

Need to Identify Self - All persons must, upon request, identify themselves to school personnel.

Robbery - stealing from an individual by force or threat of force is prohibited.

Selling Items at School - Only authorized organizations may sell on school property or at school events.

Student Expression - Student expression may not be vulgar, lewd, obscene, or plainly offensive, be used to cause a substantial disruption of the educational process or interfere with the rights of others. See Regulation 3220.

Telecommunication/Electronic Devices – Student use of personal devices shall not be in violation of 2022P and or building or class rules.

Theft - The unauthorized carrying away of the personal property of another person or the property of the District is prohibited.*

Threats of Violence or to Kill Another Person (Including “hit lists”) are prohibited.

Tobacco -

Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices and vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals that are not FDA-approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors and community members will be prohibited on all District property, including all District buildings, grounds and district-owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors is prohibited. Use or possession of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) by students is prohibited. This includes chemicals or devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other tobacco innovation. See Regulation 4215.

Trespassing - Being present in an unauthorized place or refusing to leave when ordered to do so is prohibited.

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Verbal Abuse - The use of disrespectful or threatening language to school personnel or other students is prohibited.

Weapons - Possession, transmission or use of any object that is or reasonably appears to be a dangerous weapon or related device is prohibited. Such objects include, but are not limited to: firearms, ammunition, stun guns, air guns, incendiary or explosive devices, clubs, knives with blades of at least three (3) inches in length, or other cutting or stabbing instruments brought or possessed with the intent to cause bodily harm, or to instill fear and/or intimidate by their mere presence on school property or at school sponsored events, chemical inhalants, and look-alike items or replicas displayed or represented as real weapons.

Pursuant to RCW 9.91.160. Persons over eighteen (18) years of age, and persons between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years of age who have written parental permission, may possess personal protection spray devices (i.e., mace or pepper spray) on school property.

No one may deliver such a spray device to anyone under fourteen (14), or to anyone between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) who does not have written parental permission. Personal protection spray devices may only be used in self-defense as defined by state law. Possession, transmission, or use of a spray device under any other circumstances will be treated as a violation of the District's rule prohibiting weapons.

Pursuant to RCW 9.41.280. Students who possess a dangerous weapon on school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public schools may be immediately expelled. Law enforcement and parents will be notified. Pursuant to RCW 28A.600.420, students who possess a firearm must be expelled without an opportunity for readmission for at least one (1) year. This minimum one-year expulsion will also apply to students who act with malice and display an instrument that appears to be a firearm on public school property, transportation, or other facilities being used exclusively by public schools. The superintendent of the school District or educational service District may modify the expulsion of a student on a case-by-case basis.

Violation of Suspension

During the period of any suspension from school, students shall not enter upon any real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the District without the express prior approval of a building principal or designee.

Student Athletic/Activity Code

The opportunity to participate in the interscholastic athletic program is a privilege granted to all students of the District. Participants in this voluntary program are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by the District, principals, athletic directors and coaches. All interscholastic activities and events shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA).

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A student who is found to be in violation of any athletic/activity rules is subject to removal from the team. Provision is made for a student who has allegedly violated one or more of the athletic/activity conduct rules to appeal a disciplinary action as specified in procedure 2151P. General conduct expectations and requirements for students participating in athletics/activities are found in Regulation and procedure 2151.