

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Student Code of Conduct is designed to foster student responsibility, respect for others, and to provide for the orderly operation of district schools. No code can be expected to list each and every offense that may result in disciplinary action; however, it is the purpose of this code to list certain offenses which, if committed by a student, will result in the imposition of a certain disciplinary action. Any conduct not included herein, any aggravated circumstance of any offense, or any action involving a combination of offenses may result in disciplinary consequences that extend beyond this code of conduct as determined by the principal, superintendent and/or Board of Education. In extraordinary circumstances where the minimum consequence is judged by the superintendent or designee to be manifestly unfair or not in the interest of the district, the superintendent or designee may reduce or increase the consequences listed in this policy, as allowed by law. This code includes, but is not necessarily limited to, acts of students on school property, including playgrounds, parking lots and school transportation, or at a school activity, whether on or off school property.

Reporting to Law Enforcement

It is the policy of the Columbia School District to report all crimes occurring on school grounds to law enforcement, including, but not limited to, the crimes the district is required to report in accordance with law. A list of crimes the district is required to report is included in policy JGF.

The principal shall also notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and superintendent if a student is discovered to possess a controlled substance or weapon in violation of the district's policy.

In addition, the superintendent shall notify the appropriate division of the juvenile or family court upon suspension for more than ten (10) days or expulsion of any student who the district is aware is under the jurisdiction of the court.

Documentation in Student's Discipline Record

The principal, designee or other administrators or school staff will maintain all discipline records as deemed necessary for the orderly operation of the schools and in accordance with law and policy JGF.

Participation in Activities

Students who are suspended or expelled for any reason are prohibited from attending or taking part in any district-sponsored activity, regardless of location, or any activity that occurs on district property. Students who violate this provision will be required to leave the activity and may face further discipline, including an additional period of suspension or expulsion.

Prohibition against Being on or near School Property during Suspension

All students who are suspended or expelled are prohibited from being on school property for any reason unless permission is granted by the superintendent or designee.

Any student who is suspended for any offenses listed in § 160.261, RSMo., or any act of violence or drug-related activity defined by policy JGF as a serious violation of school discipline shall not be allowed to be within 1,000 feet of any public school in the district unless one (1) of the following conditions exist:

1. The student is under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian or custodian.
2. The student is under the direct supervision of another adult designated by the student's parent, legal guardian or custodian. The designation must be made in advance and in writing to the principal of the school that suspended the student.
3. The student is in an alternative school that is located within 1,000 feet of a public school in the district.
4. The student resides within 1,000 feet of a public school in the district and is on the property of his or her residence.

If a student violates this prohibition he or she may be suspended or expelled in accordance with the offense, "Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension," listed below.

Prohibited Conduct

The following are descriptions of prohibited conduct as well as potential consequences for violation. In addition to the consequences specified here, school officials will notify law enforcement and document violations in the student's discipline file pursuant to law and Board policy.

Prohibited Conduct	Definition	Consequence (Any Offense)
Academic Dishonesty	Cheating on tests, assignments, projects or similar activities; plagiarism; claiming credit for another person's work; fabrication of facts, sources or other supporting material; unauthorized collaboration; facilitating academic dishonesty; and other misconduct related to academics.	No credit for the work, grade reduction, course failure, or removal from extracurricular activities.

Prohibited Conduct	Definition	Consequence (Any Offense)
Bus or transportation misconduct (See Board policy JFCC.)	Any offense committed by a student on transportation provided by or through the district.	Shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school. In addition, transportation privileges may be suspended or revoked.
Firearms (See Board policy JFCJ.)	Possession or use of a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921 or any instrument or device defined in § 571.010, RSMo., or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2).	One (1) calendar year suspension or expulsion, unless modified by the Board upon recommendation by the superintendent.
Truancy (See Board policy JED and procedures JED-AP1 and JED-AP2.)	Absence from school without the knowledge and consent of parents/guardians and the school administration; excessive non-justifiable absences, even with the consent of parents/guardians.	Administrator/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.
Arson	Starting or attempting to start a fire or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.	Administrator/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
Assault	Hitting, striking, or attempting to cause injury to another person; placing a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury; physically injuring or attempting to kill another person.	Restitution if appropriate. May include loss of privileges including, but not limited to:
Automobile/Vehicle misuse	Uncourteous or unsafe driving on or around school property, unregistered parking, failure to move vehicle at the request of school officials, failure to follow directions given by school officials or failure to follow established rules for parking or driving on school property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Confiscation of the contraband item ▶ Loss of parking privileges ▶ Loss of technology privileges
Bullying (See policy JFCF.)	Repeated and systematic intimidation, harassment and attacks on a student or multiple students, perpetuated by individuals or groups. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical violence, verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, threats, extortion, theft, damaging property, and exclusion from a peer group.	
Dishonesty	Any act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery.	

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Disrespectful or disruptive conduct or speech	Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language or gesture that is directed at any person that is in violation of district policy or is otherwise rude, vulgar, defiant, considered inappropriate in educational settings or that materially and substantially disrupts classroom work, school activities or school functions.	
Drugs/Alcohol (See Board policy JFCH.)	<p>1) Possession, sale, purchase or distribution of any over-the-counter drug, herbal preparation or imitation drug or herbal preparation.</p> <p>2) Possession of or attendance while under the influence of or soon after consuming any unauthorized prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.</p> <p>3) Sale, purchase or distribution of any prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.</p>	
Extortion	Threatening or intimidating any person for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value.	
Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension	<p>Coming within 1,000 feet of any public school in the district while on suspension for an offense that requires reporting to law enforcement or for an act of school violence or drug-related activity defined by district policy as a serious violation of the district's discipline policy. See the section of this regulation titled, "Prohibition against Being on or near School Property during Suspension."</p> <p>In determining whether to suspend or expel a student, consideration shall be given to whether the student poses a threat to the safety of any child or school employee and whether the student's presence within 1,000 feet of the school is disruptive to the educational process or undermines the effectiveness of the school's discipline policy.</p>	

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False alarms	Tampering with emergency equipment, setting off false alarms, making false reports; communicating a threat or false report for the purpose of frightening or disturbing people, disrupting the educational environment or causing the evacuation or closure of school property.	
Fighting	Mutual combat in which both parties have contributed to the conflict either verbally or by physical action.	
Gambling	Betting on an uncertain outcome, regardless of stakes; engaging in any game of chance or activity in which something of real or symbolic value may be won or lost. Gambling includes, but is not limited to, betting on outcomes of activities, assignments, contests and games.	
Hazing (See Board policy JFCF.)	Any activity that a reasonable person believes would negatively impact the mental or physical health or safety of a student or put the student in a ridiculous, humiliating, stressful or disconcerting position for the purposes of initiation, affiliation, admission, membership or maintenance of membership in any group, class, organization, club or athletic team including, but not limited to, a grade level, student organization or school-sponsored activity. Hazing may occur even when all students involved are willing participants.	
Incendiary Devices	Possessing, displaying or using matches, lighters or other devices used to start fires unless required as part of an educational exercise and supervised by district staff.	
Public display of affection	Physical contact that is inappropriate for the school setting including, but not limited to, kissing and groping.	
Recording	Use of audio or visual recording equipment in violation of Board policy KKB.	
Sexual activity	Acts of sex or simulated acts of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation.	

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Sexual harassment (See Board policy AC.)	Use of unwelcome verbal, written or symbolic language based on gender or of a sexual nature. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, sexual jokes or comments; requests for sexual favors; touching or fondling of the genital areas, breasts, or undergarments, regardless of whether the touching occurred through or under clothing; and other unwelcome sexual advances.	
Sexually Explicit, Vulgar or Violent Material	Students may not possess or display, electronically or otherwise, sexually explicit, vulgar or violent material including, but not limited to, pornography or depictions of nudity, violence or explicit death or injury. This prohibition does not apply to curricular material that has been approved by district staff for its educational value. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is protected by law.	
Technology misconduct (See Board policy EHB and procedure EHB-AP.)	Attempting, regardless of success, to: gain unauthorized access to a technology system or information; use district technology to connect to other systems in evasion of the physical limitations of the remote system; copy district files without authorization; interfere with the ability of others to utilize district technology; secure a higher level of privilege without authorization; introduce computer viruses, hacking tools, or other disruptive/destructive programs onto or using district technology; or evade or disable a filtering/blocking device.	
Theft	Theft, attempted theft, or knowing possession of stolen property.	
Threats or verbal assault	Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language or gestures that create a reasonable fear of physical injury or property damage.	
Tobacco (See Board policy AH.)	Possession of any tobacco products on school grounds, school transportation or at any school activity.	

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Unauthorized entry	Entering or assisting any other person to enter a district facility, office, locker, or other area that is locked or not open to the general public; entering or assisting any other person to enter a district facility through an unauthorized entrance; assisting unauthorized persons to enter a district facility through any entrance.	
Vandalism	Willful damage or the attempt to cause damage to real or personal property belonging to the school, staff or students.	
Weapons (other than firearms) (See Board policy JFCJ.)	Possession or use of any weapon as defined in Board policy, other than those defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921, 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2) or § 571.010, RSMo.	

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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