

Student Conduct and Discipline

The Board expects student conduct to contribute to a productive learning climate. Students shall comply with the district's policies, administrative regulations, school and classroom written rules, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials and conduct themselves in an orderly manner during the school day and during school-sponsored activities.

Careful attention shall be given to procedures and methods whereby fairness and consistency in discipline shall be assured each student. The objectives of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline, realize the responsibility of one's actions and maintain a productive learning climate.

Various disciplinary procedures shall be used by district personnel to correct behavioral problems. Examples include, but are not limited to, reprimands, conferences, detention and denial of participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Titles and/or privileges available to or granted to students may be denied and/or revoked (e.g., valedictorian, salutatorian, student body, class or club office positions, field trips, senior trip, prom, etc.).

Students may be suspended or expelled in cases of serious infractions or repeated failure to comply with Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules. Restitution may be sought for willful damage to district property. A referral to law enforcement may also be made for violations of the law. Parental assistance shall be requested when persistent violations occur.

Students shall be subject to discipline, suspension or expulsion for misconduct including, but not limited to:

1. Assault or battery;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying or menacing as prohibited by Board policy JFCF/GBNA - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing and accompanying administrative regulation;
3. Coercion, extortion or blackmail;
4. Threats of violence or harm including false fire alarms and bomb threats and other behavior as prohibited by Board policy JFCM - Threats of Violence;
5. Disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, behavior which is immoral, indecent, disreputable or of any overly romantic, affectionate or sexual in nature in the school setting;
6. Bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon as prohibited by Board policy JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools;
7. Vandalism/Malicious Mischief/Theft as prohibited by Board policies ECAB - Vandalism/Malicious Mischief/Theft and JFCB - Care of District Property by Students, or

- willful damage or destruction of private property on district premises or at school-sponsored activities;
8. Sexual harassment as prohibited by Board policy JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment and accompanying administrative regulation;
 9. Use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs as prohibited by Board policy(ies) JFCG/JFCH/JFCI - Use of Tobacco, Alcohol or Drugs JFCG - Tobacco Use by Students, JFCH - Alcohol and JFCI - Substance/Drug Abuse;
 10. Use or display of profane or obscene language or gestures;
 11. Gambling, larceny, littering, trespass, vandalism and malicious mischief, lying cheating, misconduct on school vehicles;
 12. Disruption of the school environment;
 13. Open defiance of a teacher's authority, including persistent failure to comply with the lawful directions of teachers or school officials;
 14. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules.

The district recognizes that under the Unsafe School Choice Option of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA), a school can be deemed unsafe as a whole entity or for an individual student based on expulsions for weapons violations, violent behavior or expulsions for students arrested for the following criminal offenses occurring on district grounds, on district-sponsored transportation and/or at district-sponsored activities:

1. Assault;
2. Manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance;
3. Sexual crimes using force, threatened use of force or against incapacitated persons;
4. Arson;
5. Robbery;
6. Hate/Bias crimes;
7. Coercion; or
8. Kidnapping.

The district will record and report these infractions to the Nevada Department of Education, as required. The district will provide the opportunity for all students in any district school identified as persistently dangerous or for any victim of a violent criminal offense occurring in or on the grounds of the school the student attends, to the extent feasible, the opportunity to transfer to a safe school within the district.

The district shall publish and distribute to students and parents rules outlining student conduct expectations and possible disciplinary actions. In addition, each school may publish a student/parent handbook detailing additional rules specific to that school. All rules applying to student conduct shall be posted in a prominent place in each school building.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

Leslie Shorb v. Donald L. Grotting and Powers School District No. 31, Case No. 00CV-0255 (Coos County Circuit Court) (June 1, 2000).

Ferguson v. Phoenix Talent School District #4, 172 Or App 389 (2001).
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title IX, Section 9532.