

DISCIPLINE CODE

The aims of the code are:

1. to promote a safe, orderly environment conducive to teaching and learning;
2. to promote respect for the rights of all individuals in the school community; and
3. to promote the acceptance of personal responsibility.

Most infractions are listed with specific sanctions. Students who demonstrate a pattern of inappropriate behaviors, academic difficulty, or attendance issues will be referred by teachers and/or administrators to a Scientific Research-Based Intervention (SRBI) Team for early intervention aimed at helping the student be successful.

In order to help students to better understand the Discipline Policy, it has been summarized for posting in all classrooms and offices. This visibility promotes knowledge, understanding, and consistency of enforcement. Students who come to school, go to class, and behave appropriately will not be affected by this code.


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Repeat infractions in any category will result in more severe corrective action, which may include referral to school and community resources and/or placement at REACH. Chronic offenders will be referred to SRBI and may be recommended for expulsion from school in extreme cases. Students who exceed fifty days of suspension or ten separate suspensions will be referred for exclusion or expulsion by the Principal.

- One-hour and two-hour detentions may be assigned by a teacher or an administrator. Three-hour detentions are assigned by administrators only.
- Failure to comply with the rules in ISS will result in a referral to the administrator.
- School personnel will notify parents either in writing or by telephone when their child is suspended in or out of school. Repeat infractions in any of the categories will result in more severe corrective action, which may include referral to school and community resources. Chronic offenders will be referred to a SRBI team and may, in extreme cases, be recommended for expulsion from school.
- Removal from ISS may result in OSS and the student will finish the remainder of the time owed in ISS.

Connecticut School Law provides that students may be suspended or expelled for conduct off campus. Expulsion is required for off-campus conduct in situations in which a student possessed a firearm, deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, or martial arts weapon. Expulsion is also mandatory if a student is found to have engaged in the sale or distribution of drugs, whether on or off school property. A student may also be suspended or expelled for off-campus activities, which result in arrest. If such activity is deemed to be disruptive to the school environment by the principal, he/she may suspend the student for up to 10 days. The principal will confer with the Superintendent to determine if such off-campus activity warrants a recommendation for expulsion.

| SECTION I SAFETY, FREEDOM FROM FEAR | | SECTION II RESPECT AND COURTESY | |
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| Behavior | Consequences | Behavior | Consequences |
| Assault - 1720 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS • Police referral • SRBI • Possible expulsion | Threatening - 1820 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days OSS • Refer to crisis counselor • Police referral • Possible expulsion |
| Fighting - 1700 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 5 days OSS, refer to crisis counselor • 2nd – 10 days OSS | Sexual Discrimination and Harassment - 1900 <i>(Policy 7.145.3)</i> | Administrative follow-up as per policy and regulations |
| Weapon Possession or Facsimile (including fireworks) - 3700 <i>(Policy 7-230.2)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS • Police referral • SRBI • Expulsion | Racial or Other Discriminatory Slurs - 1811 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 days OSS • Refer to crisis counselor |
| Arson - 1100, False Alarm - 3650, Threat to School Population - 2700 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS • Police referral • SRBI • Possible expulsion | Obscene, Vulgar, Abusive, Inflammatory or Disrespectful Language and Gestures -3620 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 2-hour detention • 2nd – 1 day ISS • 3rd – 2 days ISS |
| Distributing and/or Selling Controlled Substances: Alcohol, Steroids, or other Drugs - 3800 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS • Police referral • Expulsion | Inappropriate Dress Including Exposure of Undergarments, Midriff or Cleavage - 3638 | Student is to remain in ISS until appropriately dressed. |
| Using, Possessing Controlled Substances: Alcohol, Steroids, Drugs or Paraphernalia - 3800 <i>(Policy 7-230.2)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS (5 days for 1st offenders who agree to counseling with crisis counselor) • Police referral • SRBI • Possible expulsion | Verbal or Gestural Abuse Toward Staff - 3624 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 days OSS |
| Intimidation/Instigation, Harassment, Lewd Behavior - 1860 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 days OSS • Refer to crisis counselor • Police referral | Insubordination - 3601 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 2-hour detention • 2nd – 1 day ISS • 3rd – 2 days ISS |
| *Bullying & Cyber Bullying - 1812 <i>(Policy 7-797)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 days OSS • Refer to crisis counselor • Police referral | Refusal to Identify Self When Asked, Inappropriate Behavior - 3642 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day ISS |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 2 days ISS, | Failure to Have School ID - 3653 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 1 hour detention • 2nd – 2 hour detention • 3rd – 1 day ISS |
| | | Lying or Forgery to Avoid Blame or Responsibility - 3605 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-hour detention |
| | | Failure to Have a Pass - 3648 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-hour detention |
| | | Cheating - 3604 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-hour detention • Zero grade and no make-up |

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| Smoking, Vaping, or Chewing Tobacco or in possession of. - 3800 | <p>completion of education packet in ISS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd – 3 days ISS • 3rd – 3 days ISS, loss of parking privileges and hall pass privileges |  |
| Bus Misbehavior - 3601 | Disciplinary response will be dictated by the particular behavior in other sections of this code, possible loss of bus privileges. | |
| Possessing, transmitting, selling, or purchasing of explicit content - 3625 | 5 days OSS, police referral, SRBI, and possible expulsion | |

| SECTION III -- RESPECT FOR PERSONAL & PUBLIC PROPERTY | | SECTION IV – RESPECT FOR ORDERLY TEACHING/LEARNING ENVIRONMENT | |
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| Behavior | Consequences | Behavior | Consequences |
| Theft or Possession of Stolen Goods - 1400 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS • Police Referral • SRBI | Disruption of the Educational Process - 3628 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 2-hour detention • 2nd – 1 day ISS • 3rd – 2 days ISS |
| Vandalism - 3500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS • Police Referral • SRBI | Failure to Serve In-School Suspension - 3634 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not return to class until ISS served |
| Criminal Mischief - 1740 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days OSS • Police Referral • SRBI • Restitution • Possible expulsion | Failure to Serve 1-hour Detention - 3634 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-hour detention |
| | | Failure to Serve 2- or 3-hour Detention - 3634 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day ISS |
| Littering - 3655 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-hour detention • Required clean up | Gambling - 3660 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 1 day ISS • 2nd – 1 day OSS |
| Throwing Objects -1730 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 1-hour detention • 2nd – 2-hour detention • 3rd – 2 days ISS | Cafeteria Misbehavior - 3610 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 1 day ISS, 1-week loss of cafeteria privileges • 2nd – 1 day OSS, 1-week loss of cafeteria privileges |
| | | Trespassing - 3639 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – warning and removal • 2nd – arrest |
| SECTION V -- TECHNOLOGY | | Truancy From School - 3633 (Policy 7-232) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – 1 day ISS • 2nd – 2 days ISS • 3rd – 2 days ISS and SRBI |
| | | Bringing Unauthorized Visitors to School - 3639 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st – visitor leaves, warning to student • 2nd – 1 day ISS student, visitor arrested |
| Behavior | | Unauthorized use of Electronics - 3671 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - 2 hour detention • 2nd – 1 day ISS • 3rd – 2 days ISS |
| | | Hats and Headwear Worn Within the School During School Hours - 3638 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confiscation, hats/headwear returned to |
| Consequences | | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inappropriate access and/or use of district-managed hardware and software. - 3670 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days OSS, Possible police referral SRBI Possible expulsion | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> parent/guardian only 1st – 2-hour detention 2nd – 1 day ISS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send obscene or threatening messages - 1810 | Threatening See Section II | AWOL from Class (Cutting) - 3631 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 days ISS to be reduced to 1 day ISS with parent conference |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use computer to harass others - 1740 | Harassment See Section I | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st – 1-hour detention assigned by teacher |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit inappropriate computer websites | Obscene, Vulgar, Abusive, Inflammatory or Disrespectful Behavior See Section II | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd – 3-hour after-school detention and parent conference |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use network for financial gain - 3670 | | Loitering - 3636 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd – 1-day ISS and parent conference 1st – 1-hour detention 2nd – 2-hour detention 3rd – 1 day ISS |
| <p style="text-align: center;">KEY TO TERMINOLOGY</p> <p>1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.: 1st, (2nd, 3rd...) infraction or offense. ISS: In-School Suspension OSS: Out-of-School Suspension Expulsion: Referral to the Superintendent for possible recommendation that the BOE expel up to a calendar year. (PPT decision may supersede this process.) Police Referral: May include arrest SRBI: Scientific Research-Based Intervention PPT: Referral to Planning & Placement Team (special education students).</p> | | Tardiness to School - 3632 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-hour detention for each tardy after 3 |
| | | Tardiness to Class - 3632 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-hour detention for each tardy after 3 |
| | | Excessive Tardiness to Classes - 3632 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th tardy – 2-hour detention 11th tardy – 1 day ISS, parent conference |
| | | Leaving School Without Permission/Pass - 3635 (Policy 7-233) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st – 2 days ISS, counselor referral, 10-day loss of parking privileges 2nd – 3 days ISS, parent conference, 30-day loss of parking privileges |
| | | Vehicular Misbehavior - 3649 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st – 10-day suspension of parking privileges, possible police referral 2nd – parking privileges suspended for the year, possible police referral |