

# Middle School Tier 3 Discipline Matrix\*

## Lawrence Public Schools

Lawrence Unified School District is committed to **contributing to a positive school climate**, ensuring that all students have multiple systems of support focused on sustained and supportive relationships and relational accountability. Restorative Justice, also called restorative practices, is an **alternative approach to the more traditional punitive discipline** and school culture. It is a worldview deeply rooted in the practices and values of Indigenous Peoples around the globe. Restorative Practices “focuses on community building, belongingness, and peaceably resolving conflicts by creating opportunities for those involved to listen empathetically to one another’s stories, to **repair any harm that may have occurred**, and to **restore positive relationships** within the school community”  
*(Restorative Schools: An Introduction to Tier 1 Practices Manual, Restorative Schools Initiative, KIPCOR, 2021, 7).*

The following guidelines are used in determining responses to various disciplinary actions. These are guidelines only. Restorative practices are facilitated at every level for any disciplinary action. Discipline issues are determined on a case-by-case basis due to circumstances which may affect the school’s response. The steps outlined below are progressive and are considered incident by incident. Building administrators have the discretion to implement any level of discipline based on the severity of the student behavior. When students experience a long-term suspension, restorative justice practices will be implemented as part of the student re-entry process. \*Parent/Guardian communication shall occur in all cases resulting in suspension.

### Section 1: Student Conduct

Tier 3 Behaviors	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Subsequent Offenses	USD 497 Board Policy
<b>Fighting</b> Student is involved in mutual participation in an incident involving physical fighting and/or assault on the Middle School campus or at any school activity will automatically subject a student to out of school suspension from school, followed by transition and possible expulsion.	Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices	Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	<b>Student Conduct (JCDA):</b> The superintendent shall develop rules to govern student conduct that are consistent with board policies. Each building shall develop their own code of conduct and will annually review and distribute the code of conduct to parents and students through student handbooks. Building codes of

<p><b>Sexual Misconduct</b> Sexual misconduct is defined as any inappropriate physical or verbal misconduct that is sexual in nature.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>conduct will not conflict with district rules or board policy.  Violation of any provision of the behavior code may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.</p>
<p><b>Theft</b> Taking and carrying away the personal property of another without their consent; stealing.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Reviewed by Board Policy Committee on Feb 27, 2008</p>
<p><b>Substantial Disruption to the Learning Environment</b> Violation of any school rule that interferes with the productive learning environment may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Student Conduct (JCDA):</b> The superintendent shall develop rules to govern student conduct that are consistent with board policies.  Violation of any provision of the behavior code may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.  Reviewed by Board Policy Committee on Feb 27, 2008</p>
<p><b>Technology Violations</b> Any infraction violating the Acceptable Use Policy.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>See signed Acceptable Use Policy.</p>

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**Section 2: Student Conduct Towards Staff Members**

Tier 3 Behaviors	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Subsequent Offenses	USD 497 Board Policy
<p><b>Inappropriate Language to a Staff Member</b></p> <p>Students are under the authority of any school district staff member any time they are on the school grounds, in the school building, or at any school function, wherever it may be held. Disrespectful behavior (for example, obscene <b>language</b> or gestures and/or verbal abuse) or failure to comply with any reasonable request will result in a disciplinary action.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-3 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 4-7 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 8-10 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p><b>Student Conduct (JCDA):</b> The superintendent shall develop rules to govern student conduct that are consistent with board policies. Each building shall develop their own code of conduct and will annually review and distribute the code of conduct to parents and students through student handbooks. Building codes of conduct will not conflict with district rules or board policy.</p> <p>Violation of any provision of the behavior code may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.</p> <p>Reviewed by Board Policy Committee on Feb 27, 2008</p>
<p><b>Violence Towards Staff</b></p> <p>Any activity that threatens the safety or well-being of a staff member.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited.</p>

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### Section 3: Drug Free Schools

Tier 3 Behaviors	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Subsequent Offenses	USD 497 Board Policy
<p><b>Use of Illegal Substances</b></p> <p>Under the influence of Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, Non-Prescribed Controlled Substances, or Other Potentially Mind-altering Substances (such as glue, paint, potpourri, etc.)</p>	<p>3 day suspension <u>or</u> 1 day suspension with the condition of an alcohol/drug assessment by a mental health practitioner licensed by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (KBSRB).</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p> <p>Students under the influence at extra-curricular activities will be suspended from all such activities for 30 days for the first offense.</p>	<p>Five (5) day suspension or three (3) day suspension with the condition of an alcohol/drug assessment by a mental health practitioner licensed by the KBSRB.</p> <p>A second offense will result in a calendar year suspension from such activities.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Drug Free Schools (JDDA):</b> The unlawful manufacturing, sale, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or controlled substances by students on school premises or at any school activity is prohibited. Further, presence on school premises or at any school activity by students who have consumed alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any other place and which are detected while on school premises or at any school activity is prohibited use. Any student violating the terms of this policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials and shall be subject to any one or more of the sanctions set forth in Board Policy.</p> <p>Drug Free School last amended on May 12, 2008</p>
<p><b>Possession of Alcohol or Illegal Substances</b></p> <p>This includes: alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or controlled substances in a student's possession (on their person, in their locker, in their</p>	<p><u>Alcohol</u>: 3 day suspension <u>or</u> 1 day suspension with the condition of an alcohol/drug assessment by a mental health practitioner licensed by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (KBSRB).</p>	<p>Five (5) day short term suspension.</p> <p>If the student did not take advantage of the alcohol/drug assessment by a mental health practitioner licensed by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	

backpack or in their personal belongings. .	<u>Illegal Drugs or Controlled Substances</u> : 3 day suspension <u>or</u> 1 day suspension with the condition of an alcohol/drug assessment by a mental health practitioner licensed by the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (KBSRB).  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices	Regulatory Board (KBSRB) in the first offense, the suspension could be reduced to a 3 day suspension with completion of the assessment.		<b>Alcohol and Drug Assessments Requirement:</b> USD497 will not assume any cost incurred. Completion of the assessment must be verified in writing by the practitioner to the school district in order for the suspension to be reduced as per this policy. The district does not assume liability for costs of inpatient or outpatient treatment resulting from such assessment.
<b>Distribution or Manufacturing of Illegal Substances</b>  The unlawful manufacturing, sale, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or controlled substances by students on school property.	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	

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#### Section 4: Tobacco Free Schools

Level 3 Behaviors	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Subsequent Offenses	USD 497 Board Policy
<b>Use of Tobacco/Related Products</b>  Any tobacco/nicotine product, including electronic smoking devices	Short-Term Suspension: 1-3 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices	Short-Term Suspension: 4-7 Days  To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	<b>Tobacco Use (JCDA):</b> Smoking by students and/or the possession and use of any tobacco/nicotine product, including electronic smoking devices, is prohibited on school property or at school-sponsored events.
<b>Possession of Tobacco/Related Products</b>	Short-Term Suspension: 1-3 Days	Short-Term Suspension: 4-7 Days	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the	

Any tobacco/nicotine product, including electronic smoking devices	To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices	To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices	Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	For tobacco-related offenses, the student shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.
<b>Distribution of Tobacco/Related Products</b>	Short-Term Suspension: 1-3 Days	Short-Term Suspension: 4-7 Days	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	Smoking cessation and nicotine addiction information shall be available in school nurses' offices.
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### Section 5: Threats to Safety

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<p><b>Threats to Safety</b></p> <p>Any student who verbally threatens a staff member and/or student and/or their property.</p> <p>Any student who verbally or by posturing incites violence towards a staff member and/or student</p> <p>The intentional promotion and/or recording by electronic device by a student to engage another student in a physical conflict or to promote other students to engage in physical conflict.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited.</p> <p>Reviewed by Board Policy Committee on March 26, 2008</p>

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**Section 6: Harassment and Discrimination**

Level 3 Behaviors	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Subsequent Offenses	USD 497 Board Policy
<p><b>Harassment and Discrimination</b></p> <p>Harassment can be a result of verbal or physical conduct or written material. All forms of harassment are prohibited at district facilities; on district premises; and on non-district property if at any district sponsored, district approved or district related activity, program or event when the student is under the supervision of the district.</p> <p>Discrimination is conduct which affords a student different treatment, solely on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity in a manner which interferes with or limits the ability of the student to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or programs of the school.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b><u>Harassment and Discrimination JGEC:</u></b> the Lawrence Public School district is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment, free from discrimination and harassment. Discrimination is conduct which affords a student different treatment, solely on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity in a manner which interferes with or limits the ability of the student to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or programs of the school. Discrimination as above described against any student in the admission or access to, or treatment in the district's programs and activities is prohibited. Any student or employee who engages in discriminatory conduct as above described shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including</p>

				termination from employment or expulsion from school. Amended April 24, 2017
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**Section 7: Hazing and Bullying**

Level 3 Behaviors	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Subsequent Offenses	USD 497 Board Policy
<p><b>Hazing &amp; Bullying</b></p> <p>“Hazing” is any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored activity or grade level attainment. This includes, but is not limited to: Forced consumption of any drink, alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance; Forced exposure to the elements; Forced prolonged exclusion from social contact; Forced sleep deprivation; Assignment of pranks or other activities intended to</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b><u>Hazing and Bullying (JGECA):</u></b>          The district is committed to maintaining an environment free from hazing and bullying, as herein defined. The board of education prohibits bullying in any form either by any student, staff member, or parents towards a student or by a student, staff member, or parent towards a staff member on or while using school property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event.          Amended: Feb 22, 2016</p> <p><b><u>Definitions Continued:</u></b>  <b>“Cyberbullying”</b> means threats or harassment over Internet through web pages, email, instant messaging, text messaging, or by other electronic means. Bullying</p>



<p>degrade or humiliate including shaving and hair removal.</p> <p><b>“Bullying”</b> shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Kansas law, and that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student that takes place on or immediately adjacent to district grounds, at any district-sponsored activity, on district-provided transportation or at any district bus stop, and that has the effect of: Physically harming a student or damaging a student's property; threatening or knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student's property or causing substantial inconvenience; Taunting, teasing or intimidation that is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates and intimidating or threatening educational environment.</p>				<p>shall include cyberbullying when it is initiated on school premises and threatens or endangers the safety of students, employees or third parties, or school property, or which substantially disrupts the educational program of the district. “Third parties” include, but are not limited to, coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged n district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control at interdistrict and intradistrict athletic competitions or other school events.</p>
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**Section 8: Vandalism**

<b>Level 3 Behaviors</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent Offenses</b>	<b>USD 497 Board Policy</b>
<p align="center"><b>Vandalism</b></p> <p>Vandalism is the willful or malicious defacement or the destruction of property.</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b><u>Vandalism and Property Damage (EBCA):</u></b>            Students who destroy or vandalize school property will be <b>required to pay</b> for losses or damages. If students willfully destroy or damage school property, suspension or possible expulsion may result as per School Board policy EBCA.</p> <p><b>Anyone who vandalizes school facilities or property will be reported to law enforcement officials.</b></p> <p>Amended January 11, 2010</p>

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**Section 9: Possession of Other Dangerous Objects**

<b>Level 3 Behaviors</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent Offenses</b>	<b>USD 497 Board Policy</b>
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<p><b>Possession of Other Dangerous Objects</b></p> <p>Possession at school, on school property or at a school supervised activity of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any object not meeting the definition of a weapon in JCDBB but that is used in a threatening manner;</li> <li>• Any object that is a facsimile of a weapon or;</li> <li>• Any object that is inherently dangerous except when such object is provided by the school and used in an approved, supervised instructional or extracurricular activity</li> </ul>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 1-5 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Short-Term Suspension: 6-10 Days</p> <p>To include time as needed in Recovery Room with Restorative Practices</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b><u>Other Dangerous Objects (JDD)</u></b></p> <p>Possession at school, on school property or at a school supervised activity of: Any object not meeting the definition of a weapon in JCDBB but that is used in a threatening manner. May result in such penalties as are allowed by district policy This may include suspension or expulsion.</p> <p>Amended January 14, 2008</p>
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**Section 10: Offenses that are considered criminal acts that severely jeopardizes school order and/or security.**

The establishment of interventions is not required when the behavior falls under section 10.

Level 3 Behaviors	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	Subsequent Offenses	USD 497 Board Policy
<p><b>Battery</b> Intentional act causing bodily harm to an individual.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>
<p><b>Arson/Fire</b> To unlawfully and intentionally damage or attempt to damage any school or personal property by fire or incendiary device. Firecrackers, fireworks, and trash can fires would be included in this category if they were contributing factors to a damaging fire.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>

<p><b>Detonation of Incendiary or Explosive Device</b></p> <p>The intentional damaging of a building, injury to persons, or the disruption caused either in the building or on school grounds, by the use of any combustible or explosive substances or devices.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>
<p><b>Possession of Weapon(s)</b></p> <p>A “weapon” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any object which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;</li> <li>● The frame or receiver of any object described in the preceding example;</li> <li>● Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer;</li> <li>● Any explosive, incendiary or poison gas, bomb, grenade, mine or similar device</li> <li>● A rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces or missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than ¼ ounce</li> </ul>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Weapons (JDD, EBC and KGD):</b> A student shall not possess a weapon at school, on school property or at a school supervised event.</p> <p><b>Definitions of Weapons Continued:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or any knife having a blade that opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward or centrifugal trust or movement.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any object which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than ½ inch in diameter; Any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled;</li> <li>Any bludgeon, sand club, metal knuckles or throwing star;</li> </ul>				
<p><b>False Reports/Bomb or School Threats</b></p> <p>Any threat (verbal, written, or electronic) by a person to bomb or use substances or devices for the purpose of exploding, burning, causing damage to a school building or school property, or to harm students or staff. The conveyance of threats or false information concerning the placement of explosive or destructive substances, initiating a report, warning of a fire, or other catastrophe without cause. Misuse of 911,</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b><u>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</u></b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>

discharging a fire extinguisher.				
<p><b>Homicide</b></p> <p>Activities or events that result in the death of a human being.</p>	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>
<p><b>Robbery</b></p> <p>The taking of, or attempting to take anything of value that is owned by another organization and/ or individual, under confrontational circumstances, by force, or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.</p>	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>

<p><b>Setting off Falsely or Misuse of Disaster Alarm of Equipment</b></p> <p>The intentional activation of fire alarms or like warning devices.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>
<p><b>Sexual Assault</b></p> <p>Engagement in sexual activity or behavior. Forced sexual contact or contact with a person.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>Ten (10) day suspension and will be referred to the Superintendent for long term suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p><b>Prohibited Activity (JHCAA):</b> Activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on district property or at school activities, or which disrupt the school environment, are prohibited. <b>Also: JCDA</b></p>

\*Parent/Guardian Communication in all cases resulting in suspension.

\*Administration has discretion to deviate from the rubric with documentation recorded regarding the reason.

\*These are behaviors that will require a reentry plan be created before the student returns from long-term suspension or expulsion so that strategies can be implemented immediately upon the student's return to school. This can include mediation or additional strategies to restore the relationships.



# Additional Board Policies

## Investigations

### **Investigations (JCAC):**

Principals and others designated by the superintendent may conduct investigations and question students about infractions of school rules or the student conduct code.

Amended: October 28, 2013

## Reporting to Law Enforcement

### **Board Policy for Reporting to Law Enforcement (JDDB):**

Whenever a student engages in conduct which constitutes the commission of any misdemeanor or felony at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity and/or has been found:

1. in possession of a weapon
2. in possession of a controlled substance or illegal drug, or
3. to have engaged in behavior at school which has resulted in or was substantially likely to have resulted in serious bodily injury to others, the principal shall report such act to the appropriate law enforcement agency (Amended: March 21, 2016)

## Searches

### **Searches of Property (JCAB):**

Principals are authorized to search property if there is a reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules, or directives are being violated. All searches shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness. Any person other than the principal conducting a search of a student's locker or property shall do so only with the consent of and in the presence of the principal, unless circumstances require immediate action in order to preserve the security and safety of staff and students.

District property, including lockers, is under the supervision of the principal. Students should have no expectation of privacy when utilizing district property, including lockers. Lockers shall be subject to random searches without prior notice or reasonable suspicion.

(Amended: April 14, 2008)

**Searches of Students (JCABB):**

Principals are authorized to search students if there is reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules or directives are being violated. Strip searches shall not be conducted by school authorities. All searches shall be carried out in the presence of another adult and the adult conducting the search shall be of the same gender as the student.

The student shall be told why the search is being conducted. The student may be requested to empty items such as, but not limited to pockets, purses, shoulder bags, book bags and briefcases. The principal shall attempt to call the student's parent and may call law enforcement. Items which the principal believes may be connected with illegal activity shall remain in the custody of the principal unless the items are turned over to law enforcement authorities.

(Amended: March 21, 2016)

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