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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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Purpose
The Student Code of Conduct is the district’s response to the requirements of Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code.

The Code provides methods and options for managing students in the classroom and on school grounds, disciplining students, and preventing and intervening in student discipline problems.

The law requires the district to define misconduct that may—or must—result in a range of specific disciplinary consequences including removal from a regular classroom or campus, out-of-school suspension, placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), or expulsion from school.

This Student Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Gregory-Portland Independent School District Board of Trustees and developed with the advice of the district-level committee. This Code provides information to parents and students regarding standards of conduct, consequences of misconduct, and procedures for administering discipline.

In accordance with state law, the Code shall be posted at each school campus or shall be available for review at the office of the campus principal. Additionally, the Code shall be available at the office of the campus behavior coordinator and posted on the district web site: www.g-pisd.org. Parents shall be notified of any conduct violation that may result in a student being suspended, placed in a DAEP, or expelled, or taken into custody by a law enforcement officer under Chapter 37 of the Education Code.

Because the Student Code of Conduct is adopted by the district’s board of trustees, it has the force of policy; therefore, in case of conflict between the Code and the student handbook, the Code shall prevail.

Please Note: The discipline of students with disabilities who are eligible for services under federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) is subject to the provisions of those laws.
School District Authority and Jurisdiction

Campus Behavior Coordinator

As required by law, a person at each campus must be designated to serve as the campus behavior coordinator. The designated person may be the principal of the campus or any other campus administrator selected by the principal. The campus behavior coordinator is primarily responsible for maintaining student discipline. The district maintains a current list of the persons serving as a campus behavior coordinator on the district’s website at (www.g-pisd.org).

School rules and the authority of the district to administer discipline apply whenever the interest of the district is involved, on or off school grounds, in conjunction with or independent of classes and school-sponsored activities.

The district has disciplinary authority over a student:

1. During the regular school day and while the student is going to and from school on district transportation;
2. During lunch periods in which a student is allowed to leave campus;
3. While the student is in attendance at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location;
4. For any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location;
5. When retaliation against a school employee or volunteer occurs or is threatened, regardless of time or location;
6. When a student engages in cyberbullying, as provided by Education Code 37.0832;
7. When criminal mischief is committed on or off school property or at a school-related event;
8. For certain offenses committed within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school’s real property boundary line;
9. For certain offenses committed while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity of another district in Texas;
10. When the student commits a felony, as provided by Education Code 37.006 or 37.0081; and
11. When the student is required to register as a sex offender.

The district has the right to search a vehicle driven to school by a student and parked on school property whenever there is reasonable cause to believe it contains articles or materials prohibited by the district.

District administrators conduct routine blanket inspections and searches of lockers and desks.

Reporting Crimes

The Principal or campus behavior coordinator and other school administrators as appropriate shall report crimes as required by law and shall call local law enforcement when an administrator suspects that a crime has been committed on campus.
‘Parent’ Defined
Throughout the Code of Conduct and related discipline policies the term “parent” includes a parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control of the child.

Participating in Graduation Activities
The district has the right to limit a student’s participation in graduation activities for violating the district’s Code.

Participation might include a speaking role, as established by district policy and procedures.

Students eligible to give the opening and closing remarks at graduation shall be notified by the campus principal. Notwithstanding any other eligibility requirements, in order to be considered as an eligible student to give the opening or closing remarks, a student shall not have engaged in any misconduct in violation of the district’s Code resulting in a three-day out-of-school suspension, removal to a DAEP, or expulsion during the semester immediately preceding graduation.

The Valedictorian and salutatorian may also have speaking roles at graduation. No student shall be eligible to have such a speaking role if he or she engaged in any misconduct in violation of the district’s Code resulting in a three-day suspension, removal to a DAEP, or expulsion during the two semesters immediately preceding graduation.

See DAEP-Restrictions During Placement, for further information regarding a student assigned to DAEP at the time of graduation.

Unauthorized Persons
In accordance with Education Code 37.105, a school administrator, school resource officer (SRO), or district police officer shall have the authority to refuse entry or eject a person from district property if the person refuses to leave peaceably on request and:

1. The person poses a substantial risk of harm to any person; or
2. The person behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting, and the person persists in the behavior after being given a verbal warning that the behavior is inappropriate and may result in refusal of entry or ejection.

Appeals regarding refusal of entry or ejection from district property may be filed in accordance with FNG(LOCAL) or GF(LOCAL), as appropriate.
Standards for Student Conduct

Each student is expected to:

- Adhere to the requirements of the Student Code of Conduct.
- Maintain a 94% or better attendance rate (example: no more than 11 days absent for 177 days) throughout the year.
- During the year, maintain a low number of tardies (5 or fewer) per class period.
- Pass all courses/subjects and all state mandated tests.
- Complete the Required Documentation for Admission each year.
- Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
- Prepare for each class; take appropriate materials and assignments to class.
- Meet district and campus standards of grooming and dress.
- Obey all campus and classroom rules.
- Respect the rights and privileges of students, teachers, and other district staff and volunteers.
- Respect the property of others, including district property and facilities.
- Cooperate with and assist the school staff in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.
General Conduct Violations

The categories of conduct below are prohibited at school and all school-related activities, but the list does not include the most severe offenses. In the subsequent sections on Out-of-School Suspension, DAEP Placement, Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses, and Expulsion, certain offenses that require or permit specific consequences are listed. Any offense, however, may be severe enough to result in Removal from the Regular Educational Setting as detailed in that section.

Disregard for Authority

Students shall not:

- Fail to comply with directives given by school personnel (insubordination).
- Leave school grounds or school-sponsored events without permission.
- Disobey rules for conduct on school buses.
- Refuse to accept discipline management techniques assigned by a teacher or principal.

Mistreatment of Others

Students shall not:

- Use profanity or vulgar language or make obscene gestures.
- Fight or scuffle. (For assault see DAEP Placement and Expulsion.)
- Threaten a district student, employee, or volunteer, including off school property, if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
- Engage in bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or making hit lists. (See glossary for all four terms.)
- Release or threaten to release intimate visual material of a minor or a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student’s consent.
- Engage in conduct that constitutes sexual harassment or gender-based harassment or sexual abuse, whether by word, gesture, or any other conduct, directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, or volunteer.
- Engage in conduct that constitutes dating violence. (See glossary.)
- Engage in inappropriate or indecent exposure of private body parts.
- Participate in hazing. (See glossary.)
- Cause an individual to act through the use of or threat of force (coercion).
- Commit extortion or blackmail (obtaining money or an object of value from an unwilling person).
- Engage in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual conduct directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, or volunteer.
General Conduct Violations

- Record the voice or image of another without the prior consent of the individuals being recorded or in any way that disrupts the educational environment or invades the privacy of others.

Property Offenses
Students shall not:
- Damage or vandalize property owned by others. (For felony criminal mischief see DAEP Placement or Expulsion.)
- Deface or damage school property—including textbooks, lockers, furniture, and other equipment—with graffiti or by other means. 13
- Steal from students, staff, or the school.
- Commit or assist in a robbery or theft even if it does not constitute a felony according to the Texas Penal Code. (For felony robbery, aggravated robbery, and theft see DAEP Placement and Expulsion.)

Possession of Prohibited Items
Students shall not possess or use:
- Fireworks of any kind, smoke or stink bombs, or any other pyrotechnic device;
- A razor, box cutter, chain, or any other object used in a way that threatens or inflicts bodily injury to another person;
- A “look-alike” weapon that is intended to be used as a weapon or could reasonably be perceived as a weapon;
- An air gun or BB gun;
- Ammunition;
- *A firearm
- A stun gun;
- *A location restricted knife;
- A hand instrument designed to cut or stab another by being thrown;
- A pocketknife or any other small knife;
- Mace or pepper spray;
- Pornographic material;
- Tobacco products; e-cigarettes; and any component, part, or accessory for an e-cigarette device;
- Matches or a lighter;
- Drug paraphernalia;
- A laser pointer for other than an approved use; or
General Conduct Violations

- Any articles not generally considered to be weapons, including school supplies, when the principal or designee determines that a danger exists.

*For weapons and firearms, see DAEP Placement and Expulsion. In most circumstances, possession of these items is punishable by mandatory expulsion under federal law.

Possession of Telecommunications or Other Electronic Devices

Students shall not:

- Display, turn on, or use a telecommunications device, including a cellular telephone, or other electronic device on school property during the school day, including sending or receiving messages, placing or receiving phone calls, or texting in violation of district and campus rules.

- Possess or use a cell phone, pager, telecommunication device, camera device, or any electronic device during standardized testing or exams. Students are given notice and opportunity to turn in all electronic devices, without penalty, to the test administrator prior to the start of testing. These devices are not allowed in the testing areas, whether the device is turned off or on. Using or possessing a phone or text device during standardized testing or exams is a serious offense and may result in ISS, Suspension, or a DAEP Placement. *Campus principals will communicate to students specific rules regarding electronic devices. During standardized testing students may be prohibited, whether testing or not testing, from possessing cell phones or other electronic devices on campus.*

- Refusal to relinquish an electronic device is considered a serious offense and may result in suspension.

- Use of any device that permits recording the voice or image of another in any way that disrupts the educational environment, invades the privacy of others, or is made without the prior consent of the individuals being recorded.

- Use of any device that permits recording the voice or image of another to take, disseminate, transfer, or share audio, images, video, or photographs that reveal private parts of the body that are ordinarily covered by clothing (aka sexting).

Illegal, Prescription, and Over-the-Counter Drugs

Students shall not:

- Possess, use, give, or sell alcohol or an illegal drug. (Also see DAEP Placement and Expulsion for mandatory and permissive consequences under state law)

- Possess or sell seeds, stems, pieces of stems, residue or pieces of marijuana, alcohol, drug or alcohol containers, or any illegal drug in less than a usable amount.
General Conduct Violations

- Possess, use, give, or sell paraphernalia related to any prohibited substance, including scales, pipes, rolling papers, or any item intended to assist with the use, distribution, or preparation of drugs. (See glossary for “paraphernalia.”)

- Possess, use, abuse, or sell look-alike drugs or attempt to pass items off as drugs or contraband (including drugs commonly known as “K2 or bath salts”).

- Abuse the student’s own prescription drug, give a prescription drug to another student, or possess or be under the influence of another person’s prescription drug on school property or at a school-related event. (See glossary for “abuse.”)

- Abuse over-the-counter drugs; (See glossary for “abuse.”) be under the influence of, possess, give, or sell prescription or over-the-counter drugs that cause impairment of the physical or mental faculties (See glossary for “under the influence.”); be under the influence of a known or unknown substance whether legal or illegal.

- Have or take prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs at school other than as provided by district policy.

- Participate by conversation, text, written note, or other means any information related to drug transactions, including using, purchasing or selling.

- Fail a field sobriety test.

Misuse of Technology Resources and the Internet

Students shall not:

- Violate policies, rules, or agreements signed by the student or the student’s parent regarding the use of technology resources.

- Attempt to access or circumvent passwords or other security-related information of the district, students, or employees or upload or create computer viruses, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

- Attempt to alter, destroy, or disable district technology resources including but not limited to computers and related equipment, district data, the data of others, or other networks connected to the district’s system, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

- Use the Internet or other electronic communications to threaten district students, employees, or volunteers, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment or infringes on the rights of another student at school.

- Send, post, deliver, or possess electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or illegal, including cyberbullying and “sexting,” either on or off school property, if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment or infringes on the rights of another student at school.
General Conduct Violations

- Use the internet or other electronic communication to engage in or encourage illegal behavior or threaten school safety, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment or infringes on the rights of another student at school.
- Use the name or persona of another person to create web pages, social network identities, internet accounts, or other forms of online impersonation.

Safety Transgressions
Students shall not:

- Possess published or electronic material that is designed to promote or encourage illegal behavior or that could threaten school safety.
- Engage in verbal (oral or written) exchanges that threaten the safety of another student, a school employee, or school property.
- Make false accusations or perpetrate hoaxes regarding school safety.
- Engage in any conduct that school officials might reasonably believe will substantially disrupt the school program, create an unsafe environment, or incite violence.
- Throw objects that can cause bodily injury or property damage.
- Discharge a fire extinguisher without valid cause.

Miscellaneous Offenses
Students shall not:

- Violate dress and grooming standards as communicated in the student handbook.
- Cheat or copy the work of another.
- Gamble.
- Falsify records, passes, or other school-related documents.
- Engage in actions or demonstrations that substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school activities.
- Repeatedly violate other communicated campus or classroom standards of conduct.

The district may impose campus or classroom rules in addition to those found in the Code. These rules may be posted in classrooms or given to the student and may or may not constitute violations of the Code.
Discipline Management Techniques

Discipline shall be designed to improve conduct and to encourage students to adhere to their responsibilities as members of the school community. Disciplinary action shall draw on the professional judgment of teachers and administrators and on a range of discipline management techniques, including restorative discipline techniques. Discipline shall be correlated to the seriousness of the offense, the student’s age and grade level, the frequency of misbehavior, the student’s attitude, the effect of the misconduct on the school environment, and statutory requirements.

Because of these factors, discipline for a particular offense, including misconduct in a district vehicle owned or operated by the district unless otherwise specified by law, may bring into consideration varying techniques and responses.

Students with Disabilities

The discipline of students with disabilities is subject to applicable state and federal law in addition to the Student Code of Conduct. To the extent any conflict exists, state and/or federal law shall prevail.

In accordance with the Education Code, a student who receives special education services may not be disciplined for conduct meeting the definition of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or making hit lists (see glossary) until an ARD committee meeting has been held to review the conduct.

In deciding whether to order suspension, DAEP placement, or expulsion, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the district shall take into consideration a disability that substantially impairs the student’s capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student’s conduct.

Techniques

The following discipline management techniques may be used—alone or in combination—or as part of progressive interventions for behavior prohibited by the Student Code of Conduct or by campus or classroom rules:

- Student Discipline Referral
- Student/parent Conference
- Verbal correction, oral or written
- Loss of Privileges
- Cooling-off or “time-out”
- Rewards or demerits
- Seating changes within the classroom or vehicle owned or operated by the school
- Detention (lunch, recess, or after school)
- Behavior contracts
Discipline Management Techniques

- Saturday school
- Temporary Removal
- Counseling by teachers, school counselors, or administrative personnel
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sending the student to the office or other assigned area
- School assessed and school-administered probation
- In-School-Suspension
- Out of School Suspension, as specified in the Out of School Suspension section of this Code
- Temporary confiscation of items that disrupt the educational process
- Placement in DAEP, as specified in the DAEP section of this Code
- SRO issued ticket or citation
- Grade reductions for cheating, plagiarism, and as otherwise permitted by policy.
- Assignment of school duties such as cleaning or picking up litter
- Penalties identified in individual student organizations’ extracurricular standards of behavior.
- Withdrawal or restriction of bus privileges.
- Withdrawal of privileges, such as participation in extracurricular activities, eligibility for seeking and holding honorary offices, attending school events outside the school day, or membership in school-sponsored clubs and organizations.
- Expulsion, as specified in the Expulsion section of this Code.
- Placement and/or expulsion in an alternative educational setting, as specified in the “Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses” section of this code.
- Referral to an outside agency or legal authority for criminal prosecution in addition to disciplinary measures imposed by the district.
- Other strategies and consequences as determined by school officials.

Notification

The Campus Behavior Coordinator shall promptly notify a student’s parent by phone or in person of any violation that may result in in-school or out-of-school suspension, placement in a DAEP, placement in a JJAEP, or expulsion. The campus behavior coordinator shall also notify a student’s parent if the student is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer under the disciplinary provisions of the Education Code. A good faith effort shall be made on the day the action was taken to provide to the student for delivery to the student’s parent written notification of the disciplinary action. If the parent has not been reached by telephone or in person by 5:00 p.m. of the first business day after the day the disciplinary action was taken, the campus behavior coordinator shall send written notification by U.S. Mail. If the campus behavior coordinator is not able to provide notice to the parent, the principal or designee shall provide the notice.
Before the principal or appropriate administrator assigns a student under 18 to detention outside regular school hours, notice shall be given to the student’s parent to inform him or her of the reason for the detention and permit arrangements for necessary transportation.

**Appeals**

Questions from parents regarding disciplinary measures should be addressed to the teacher or campus administration, or campus behavior coordinator, as appropriate.

Appeals or complaints regarding the use of specific discipline management techniques should be addressed in accordance with policy FNG(LOCAL). A copy of the policy may be obtained from the principal’s office, the campus behavior coordinator’s office, or the central administration office or through Policy On Line at the following address: www.g-pisd.org

Consequences shall not be deferred pending the outcome of a grievance.

**Removal from the School Bus**

A bus driver may refer a student to the principal’s office or the campus behavior coordinator’s office to maintain effective discipline on the bus. The principal or campus behavior coordinator must employ additional discipline management techniques, as appropriate, which can include restricting or revoking a student’s bus riding privileges.

Since the district’s primary responsibility in transporting students in district vehicles is to do so as safely as possible, the operator of the vehicle must focus on driving and not have his or her attention distracted by student misbehavior. Therefore, when appropriate disciplinary management techniques fail to improve student behavior or when specific misconduct warrants immediate removal, the principal or the campus behavior coordinator may restrict or revoke a student’s transportation privileges, in accordance with law.
Removal from the Regular Educational Setting

In addition to other discipline management techniques, misconduct may result in removal from the regular educational setting in the form of a routine referral or a formal removal.

Routine Referral

A routine referral occurs when a teacher sends a student to the Campus Behavior Coordinator or other appropriate administrator as a discipline management technique. The Campus Behavior Coordinator shall employ alternative discipline management techniques, including progressive interventions. A teacher or administrator may remove a student from class for a behavior that violates this Code to maintain effective discipline in the classroom.

Formal Removal

A teacher may initiate a formal removal from class if:

1. The student’s behavior has been documented by the teacher as repeatedly interfering with the teacher’s ability to teach his or her class or with the student’s classmates’ ability to learn; or
2. The behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that the teacher cannot teach, and the students in the classroom cannot learn.

Within three school days of the formal removal, the Campus Behavior Coordinator or appropriate administrator, shall schedule a conference with the student’s parent; the student; the teacher, in the case of removal by a teacher; and any other administrator.

At the conference, the Campus Behavior Coordinator or appropriate administrator, shall inform the student of the misconduct for which he or she is charged and the consequences. The student shall have an opportunity to give his or her version of the incident.

When a student is removed from the regular classroom by a teacher and a conference is pending, the campus behavior coordinator or other administrator may place the student in:

- Another appropriate classroom.
- In-school suspension.
- Out-of-school suspension.
- DAEP.

A teacher or administrator must remove a student from class if the student engages in behavior that under the Education Code requires or permits the student to be placed in a DAEP or expelled. When removing for those reasons, the procedures in the subsequent sections on DAEP or expulsion shall be followed.

Returning Student to Classroom

When a student has been formally removed from class by a teacher for conduct against the teacher containing the elements of assault, aggravated assault, sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, murder, capital murder, or criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder, the student may not be returned to the teacher’s class without the teacher’s consent.
Removal from the Regular Educational Setting

When a student has been formally removed by a teacher for any other conduct, the student may be returned to the teacher’s class without the teacher’s consent, if the placement review committee determines that the teacher’s class is the best or only alternative available.
Out-of-School Suspension

**Misconduct**

Students may be suspended for any behavior listed in the Code as a general conduct violation, DAEP offense, or expellable offense.

The district shall not use out-of-school suspension for students in grade 2 or below unless the conduct meets the requirements established in law.

A student in grade 2 or below shall not be placed in out-of-school suspension unless, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property, the student engages in:

- Conduct that contains the elements of a weapons offense, as provided in Penal Code Section 46.02 or 46.05;
- Conduct that contains the elements of assault, sexual assault, aggravated assault, or aggravated sexual assault, as provided by Penal Code; or
- Selling, giving or delivering to another person or possessing, using, or being under the influence of any amount of marijuana, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by federal or state law.

The district shall use a positive behavior program as a disciplinary alternative for students in grade 2 or below who commit general code of conduct violations instead of suspension or placement in DAEP. The program shall meet the requirements of state law.

**Process**

State law allows a student to be suspended for no more than three school days per behavior violation, with no limit on the number of times a student may be suspended in a semester or school year.

Before being suspended a student shall have an informal conference with the appropriate administrator, who shall advise the student of the conduct of which he or she is accused. The student shall be given the opportunity to explain his or her version of the incident before the administrator’s decision is made.

The number of days of a student’s suspension shall be determined by the Campus Behavior Coordinator, but shall not exceed three school days.

In deciding whether to order out-of-school suspension, the district shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense (see glossary),
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct, and
3. The student’s disciplinary history.
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student’s capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student’s conduct.
The appropriate administrator shall determine any restrictions on participation in school sponsored or school related extra-curricular activities.
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The DAEP shall be provided in a setting other than the student’s regular classroom. An elementary school student may not be placed in a DAEP with a student who is not an elementary school student.

For purposes of DAEP, elementary classification shall be kindergarten–grade 5 and secondary classification shall be grades 6–12.

Summer programs provided by the district shall serve students assigned to a DAEP in conjunction with other students.

A student who has not completed his or her DAEP placement at the end of a school year is prohibited from participating in any extracurricular activities during the summer break to the same extent the student is prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities during the regular school year.

A student who is expelled for an offense that otherwise would have resulted in a DAEP placement does not have to be placed in a DAEP in addition to the expulsion.

In deciding whether to place a student in a DAEP, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the district shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense (see glossary),
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct,
3. The student’s disciplinary history, or
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student’s capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student’s conduct.

The district shall have the discretion to decide on a case-by-case basis whether to assign a student to DAEP or to expel for repeated offenses, cases of persistent misbehavior, or where extenuating circumstances exist.

Discretionary Placement: Misconduct That May Result in DAEP Placement

A student may be placed in a DAEP for behaviors prohibited in the General Conduct Violations section of this Code.

Misconduct Identified in State Law

In accordance with state law, a student may be placed in a DAEP for any one of the following offenses:

- Engaging in bullying that encourages a student to commit or attempt to commit suicide.
- Inciting violence against a student through group bullying.
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- Releasing or threatening to release intimate visual material of a minor or a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student’s consent.
- Involvement in a public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, including participating as a member or pledge, or soliciting another person to become a pledge or member of a public school fraternity, sorority, secret society, or gang. (See glossary.)
- Involvement in criminal street gang activity. (See glossary.)
- Any criminal mischief, including a felony.
- Assault (no bodily injury) with threat of imminent bodily injury
- Assault by offensive or provocative physical contact

In accordance with state law, a student may be placed in a DAEP if the superintendent or the superintendent’s designee has reasonable belief (see glossary) that the student has engaged in conduct punishable as a felony, other than aggravated robbery or those listed as offenses in Title 5 (see glossary) of the Texas Penal Code, that occurs off school property and not at a school-sponsored or school-related event, if the student’s presence in the regular classroom threatens the safety of other students or teachers or will be detrimental to the educational process.

The Campus Behavior Coordinator may, but is not required to, place a student in a DAEP for off-campus conduct for which DAEP placement is required by state law if the administrator does not have knowledge of the conduct before the first anniversary of the date the conduct occurred.

Mandatory Placement: Misconduct That Requires DAEP Placement

A student must be placed in a DAEP if the student:

- Engages in conduct relating to a false alarm or report (including a bomb threat) or a terrorist threat involving a public school. (See glossary.)
- Commits the following offenses on school property or within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school’s real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:
  - Engages in conduct punishable as a felony.
  - Commits an assault (see glossary) under Texas Penal Code 22.01(a)(1).
  - Sells, gives, or delivers to another person, or possesses, uses, or is under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug in an amount not constituting a felony offense. A student with a valid prescription for low-THC cannabis as authorized by Chapter 487 of the Health and Safety Codes does not violate this provision. (School-related felony drug offenses are addressed in the Expulsion section.) (See glossary for “under the influence.”)
  - Sells, gives, or delivers to another person an alcoholic beverage; commits a serious act or offense while under the influence of alcohol; or possesses, uses, or is under the influence of alcohol, if the conduct is not punishable as a felony offense. (School-related felony alcohol offenses are addressed in the Expulsion section.)
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- Behaves in a manner that contains the elements of an offense relating to abusable volatile chemicals.
- Behaves in a manner that contains the elements of the offense of public lewdness or indecent exposure.
- Engages in expellable conduct and is between six and nine years of age.
- Commits a federal firearms violation and is younger than six years of age.
- Engages in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of retaliation against any school employee or volunteer on or off school property. (Committing retaliation in combination with another expellable offense is addressed in the Expulsion section of this Code.)
- Engages in conduct punishable as aggravated robbery or a felony listed under Title 5 (see glossary) of the Texas Penal Code when the conduct occurs off school property and not at a school-sponsored or school-related event and:
  - The student receives deferred prosecution (see glossary),
  - A court or jury finds that the student has engaged in delinquent conduct (see glossary), or
  - The superintendent or designee has a reasonable belief (see glossary) that the student engaged in the conduct.

**Sexual Assault and Campus Assignments**

If a student has been convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children or convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault against another student on the same campus, and if the victim’s parent or another person with the authority to act on behalf of the victim requests that the board transfer the offending student to another campus, the offending student shall be transferred to another campus in the district. If there is no other campus in the district serving the grade level of the offending student, the offending student shall be transferred to a DAEP.

**Process**

Removals to a DAEP shall be made by the Campus Behavior Coordinator.

**Conference**

When a student is removed from class for a DAEP offense, the Campus Behavior Coordinator shall schedule a conference within three school days with the student’s parent, the student, and the teacher, in the case of a teacher removal.

At the conference, the Campus Behavior Coordinator or appropriate administrator shall inform the student, orally or in writing, of the reasons for the removal and shall give the student an explanation of the basis for the removal and an opportunity to respond to the reasons for the removal.

Following valid attempts to require attendance, the district may hold the conference and make a placement decision regardless of whether the student or the student’s parents attend the conference.
Consideration of Mitigating Factors In deciding whether to place a student in a DAEP, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the campus behavior coordinator shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense (see glossary),
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct,
3. The student’s disciplinary history.

Placement Order

After the conference, if the student is placed in the DAEP, the Campus Behavior Coordinator shall write a placement order. A copy of the DAEP placement order shall be sent to the student and the student’s parent.

Not later than the second business day after the conference, the board’s designee shall deliver to the juvenile court a copy of the placement order and all information required by Section 52.04 of the Family Code.

If the student is placed in the DAEP and the length of placement is inconsistent with the guidelines included in this Code, the placement order shall give notice of the inconsistency.

Coursework Notice

The parent or guardian of a student placed in DAEP shall be given written notice of the student’s opportunity to complete a foundation curriculum course in which the student was enrolled at the time of removal and which is required for graduation, at no cost to the student. The notice shall include information regarding all methods available for completing the coursework.

Length of Placement

The duration of a student’s placement in a DAEP shall be determined by the Campus Behavior Coordinator.

The duration of a student’s placement shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. DAEP placement shall be correlated to the seriousness of the offense, the student’s age and grade level, the frequency of misconduct, the student’s attitude, and statutory requirements.

The maximum period of DAEP placement shall be one calendar year except as provided below.

Unless otherwise specified in the placement order, days absent from DAEP shall not count toward fulfilling the total number of days required in the students’ DAEP placement order.

The district shall administer the required pre- and post-assessments for students assigned to DAEP for a period of 90 days or longer in accordance with established district administrative procedures for administering other diagnostic or benchmark assessments.

Exceeds One Year

Placement in DAEP may exceed one year when a review by the district determines that the student is a threat to the safety of other students or to the district employees.
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The statutory limitations on the length of a DAEP placement do not apply to a placement resulting from the board’s decision to place a student who engaged in the sexual assault of another student so that the students are not assigned to the same campus.

Exceeds School Year

Students who commit offenses requiring placement in a DAEP at the end of one school year may be required to continue that placement at the start of the next school year to complete the assigned term of placement.

For placement in a DAEP to extend beyond the end of the school year, the Campus Behavior Coordinator, or board designee, must determine that:

1. The student’s presence in the regular classroom or campus presents a danger of physical harm to the student or others, or
2. The student has engaged in serious or persistent misbehavior (see glossary) that violates the district’s Code.

Exceeds 60 Days

For placement in a DAEP to extend beyond 60 days or the end of the next grading period, whichever is sooner, a student’s parent shall be given notice and the opportunity to participate in a proceeding before the board or the board’s designee.

Appeals

Questions from parents regarding disciplinary measures should be addressed to the campus administrator.

All appeals regarding a placement in a DAEP should be addressed in accordance with policy FNG(LOCAL). A copy of this policy may be obtained from the principal’s office, the campus behavior coordinator’s office, or the central administration office or through Policy Online at the following address: www.g-pisd.org.

Appeals shall begin at Level 1 with the Campus Principal.

Disciplinary consequences shall not be deferred pending the outcome of an appeal. The decision to place a student in a DAEP cannot be appealed beyond the board.

Restrictions during Placement

The district does not permit a student who is placed in a DAEP to participate in any school-sponsored or school-related extracurricular or co-curricular activity, including seeking or holding honorary positions and/or membership in school-sponsored clubs and organizations. These restrictions will remain in place during school breaks (summer and holidays) if a placement extends beyond the regular school calendar or year.

A student placed in a DAEP shall not be provided transportation unless he or she is a student with a disability who has transportation designated as a related service in the student’s IEP.
Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement

For seniors who are eligible to graduate and are assigned to a DAEP at the time of graduation, the placement in the program shall continue through graduation, and the student shall not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony and related graduation activities.

Placement Review

A student placed in a DAEP shall be provided a review of his or her status, including academic status, by the Campus Behavior Coordinator, or board designee, at intervals not to exceed 120 days. In the case of a high school student, the student’s progress toward graduation and the student’s graduation plan shall also be reviewed. At the review, the student or the student’s parent shall be given the opportunity to present arguments for the student’s return to the regular classroom or campus. The student may not be returned to the classroom of a teacher who removed the student without that teacher’s consent.

Additional Misconduct

If during the term of placement in a DAEP the student engages in additional misconduct for which placement in a DAEP or expulsion is required or permitted, additional proceedings may be conducted, and the Campus Behavior Coordinator may enter an additional disciplinary order as a result of those proceedings.

Notice of Criminal Proceedings

When a student is placed in DAEP for certain offenses, the office of the prosecuting attorney shall notify the district if

1. Prosecution of a student’s case was refused for lack of prosecutorial merit or insufficient evidence and no formal proceedings, deferred adjudication (see glossary), or deferred prosecution will be initiated; or

2. The court or jury found a student not guilty, or made a finding that the student did not engage in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision, and the case was dismissed with prejudice.

If a student was placed in a DAEP for such conduct, on receiving the notice from the prosecutor, the superintendent or designee shall review the student’s placement and schedule a review with the student’s parent not later than the third day after the superintendent or designee receives notice from the prosecutor. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the review.

After reviewing the notice and receiving information from the student’s parent, the superintendent or designee may continue the student’s placement if there is reason to believe that the presence of the student in the regular classroom threatens the safety of other students or teachers.

The student or the student’s parent may appeal the superintendent’s decision to the board. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the appeal. In the case of an appeal, the board shall, at the next scheduled meeting, review the notice from the prosecutor and receive information from the student, the student’s parent, and the superintendent or designee, and confirm or reverse the decision of the superintendent or designee. The board shall make a record of the proceedings.
Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) Placement

If the board confirms the decision of the superintendent or designee, the student and the student’s parent may appeal to the Commissioner of Education. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the appeal.

Withdrawal during Process

When a student violates the district’s Code in a way that requires or permits the student to be placed in a DAEP and the student withdraws from the district before a placement order is completed, the Campus Behavior Coordinator may complete the proceedings and issue a placement order. If the student then reenrolls in the district during the same or a subsequent school year, the district may enforce the order at that time, less any period of the placement that has been served by the student during enrollment in another district. If the Campus Behavior Coordinator or the board fails to issue a placement order after the student withdraws, the next district in which the student enrolls may complete the proceedings and issue a placement order.

Newly Enrolled Students

The district shall decide on a case-by-case basis whether to continue the placement of a student who enrolls in the district and was assigned to a DAEP in an open-enrollment charter school or another district. The district may place the student in the district’s DAEP or a regular classroom setting.

A newly enrolled student with a DAEP placement from a district in another state shall be placed as any other newly enrolled student if the behavior committed is a reason for DAEP placement in the receiving district.

If the student was placed in a DAEP by a school district in another state for a period that exceeds one year, this district, by state law, shall reduce the period of the placement so that the total placement does not exceed one year. After a review, however, the placement may be extended beyond a year if the district determines that the student is a threat to the safety of other students or employees or the extended placement is in the best interest of the student.

Emergency Placement Procedure

When an emergency placement is necessary because the student’s behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with classroom or school operations, the student shall be given oral notice of the reason for the action. Not later than the tenth day after the date of the placement, the student shall be given the appropriate conference required for assignment to a DAEP.
Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Offenses

This section includes two categories of serious offenses for which the Education Code provides unique procedures and specific consequences.

Registered Sex Offenders

Upon receiving notification in accordance with state law that a student is currently required to register as a sex offender, the administration must remove the student from the regular classroom and determine appropriate placement unless the court orders JJAEP placement.

If the student is under any form of court supervision, including probation, community supervision, or parole, the placement shall be in either DAEP or JJAEP for at least one semester.

If the student is not under any form of court supervision, the placement may be in DAEP or JJAEP for one semester or the placement may be in a regular classroom. The placement may not be in the regular classroom if the board or its designee determines that the student’s presence:

1. Threatens the safety of other students or teachers,
2. Will be detrimental to the educational process, or
3. Is not in the best interests of the district’s students.

Review Committee

At the end of the first semester of a student’s placement in an alternative educational setting and before the beginning of each school year for which the student remains in an alternative placement, the district shall convene a committee, in accordance with state law, to review the student’s placement. The committee shall recommend whether the student should return to the regular classroom or remain in the placement. Absent a special finding, the board or its designee must follow the committee’s recommendation.

The placement review of a student with a disability who receives special education services must be made by the ARD committee.

Newly Enrolled Student

If a student enrolls in the district during a mandatory placement as a registered sex offender, the district may count any time already spent by the student in a placement or may require an additional semester in an alternative placement without conducting a review of the placement.

Appeal

A student or the student’s parent may appeal the placement by requesting a conference between the board or its designee, the student, and the student’s parent. The conference is limited to the factual question of whether the student is required to register as a sex offender. Any decision of the board or its designee under this section is final and may not be appealed.

Certain Felonies

Regardless of whether placement or expulsion is required or permitted by one of the reasons in the DAEP Placement or Expulsion sections, in accordance with Education Code 37.0081, a
Placement and/or Expulsion for Certain Serious Offenses

A student may be expelled and placed in either DAEP or JJAEP if the board or Campus Behavior Coordinator makes certain findings and the following circumstances exist in relation to aggravated robbery or a felony offense under Title 5 (see glossary) of the Texas Penal Code. The student must:

- Have received deferred prosecution for conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a Title 5 felony offense;
- Have been found by a court or jury to have engaged in delinquent conduct for conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a Title 5 felony offense;
- Have been charged with engaging in conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a Title 5 felony offense;
- Have been referred to a juvenile court for allegedly engaging in delinquent conduct for conduct defined as aggravated robbery or a Title 5 felony offense; or
- Have received probation or deferred adjudication or have been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of aggravated robbery or a Title 5 felony offense.

The district may expel the student and order placement under these circumstances regardless of:

1. The date on which the student’s conduct occurred,
2. The location at which the conduct occurred,
3. Whether the conduct occurred while the student was enrolled in the district, or
4. Whether the student has successfully completed any court disposition requirements imposed in connection with the conduct.

**Hearing and Required Findings**

The student must first have a hearing before the board or its designee, who must determine that in addition to the circumstances above that allow for the expulsion, the student’s presence in the regular classroom:

1. Threatens the safety of other students or teachers,
2. Will be detrimental to the educational process, or
3. Is not in the best interest of the district’s students.

Any decision of the board or the board’s designee under this section is final and may not be appealed.

**Length of Placement**

The student is subject to the placement until:

1. The student graduates from high school,
2. The charges are dismissed or reduced to a misdemeanor offense, or
3. The student completes the term of the placement or is assigned to another program.
Newly Enrolled Students

A student who enrolls in the district before completing a placement under this section from another school district must complete the term of the placement.
Expulsion
In deciding whether to order expulsion, regardless of whether the action is mandatory or discretionary, the district shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense (see glossary),
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct, and
3. The student’s disciplinary history, or
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student’s capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student’s conduct.

Discretionary Expulsion: Misconduct That May Result in Expulsion
Some of the following types of misconduct may result in mandatory placement in a DAEP, whether or not a student is expelled. (See DAEP Placement)

Any Location
A student may be expelled for:

- Engaging in bullying that encourages a student to commit or attempt to commit suicide.
- Inciting violence against a student through group bullying.
- Releasing or threatening to release intimate visual material of a minor or a student who is 18 years old or older without their consent.
- Conduct that contains the elements of assault under Penal Code 22.01(a)(1) in retaliation against a school employee or volunteer.
- Criminal mischief, if punishable as a felony.
- Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of one of the following offenses against another student:
  - Aggravated assault.
  - Sexual assault.
  - Aggravated sexual assault.
  - Murder.
  - Capital murder.
  - Criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder.
  - Aggravated robbery.
- Breach of computer security (See glossary)
- Engaging in conduct relating to a false alarm or report (including a bomb threat) or a terroristic threat involving a public school.
At School, Within 300 Feet, or at a School Event

A student may be expelled for committing any of the following offenses on or within 300 feet of school property, as measured from any point on the school’s real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of assault under Section 22.01(a)(1) against an employee or a volunteer.
- Engaging in deadly conduct. (See glossary.)

Within 300 Feet of School

A student may be expelled for engaging in the following conduct while within 300 feet of school property, as measured from any point on the school’s real property boundary line:

- Aggravated assault, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault.
- Arson. (See glossary.)
- Murder, capital murder, or criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder.
- Indecency with a child, aggravated kidnapping, manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, or aggravated robbery.
- Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children.
- Felony drug- or alcohol-related offense.
- Carrying on or about the student’s person a handgun, location-restricted knife, or club, as these terms are defined by state law. (see glossary)
- Possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a prohibited weapon, as defined by state law. (See Glossary)
- Possession of a firearm, as defined by stated law (see glossary)

Property of Another District

A student may be expelled for committing any offense that is a state-mandated expellable offense if the offense is committed on the property of another district in Texas or while the student is attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity of a school in another district in Texas.

While in DAEP

A student may be expelled for engaging in documented serious misbehavior that violates the district’s Code, despite documented behavioral interventions while placed in a DAEP. For purposes of discretionary expulsion from a DAEP, serious misbehavior means:

1. Deliberate violent behavior that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others;
2. Extortion, meaning the gaining of money or other property by force or threat;
3. Conduct that constitutes coercion, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code; or
4. Conduct that constitutes the offense of:
Expulsion

a. Public lewdness under Section 21.07, Penal Code;
b. Indecent exposure under Section 21.08, Penal Code;
c. Criminal mischief under Section 28.03, Penal Code;
d. Personal hazing under Section 37.152; or
e. Harassment under Section 42.07(a)(1), Penal Code, of a student or district employee.

**Mandatory Expulsion: Misconduct That Requires Expulsion**

**Federal Law**

A student must be expelled under federal or state law for any of the following offenses that occur on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

**Under Federal Law**

- Bring to school or possessing at school, including any setting that is under the district’s control or supervision for the purpose of a school activity, a firearm, as defined by federal law. (See Glossary)

  *Note:* Mandatory expulsion under the federal Gun Free School Act does not apply to a firearm that is lawfully stored inside a locked vehicle, or to firearms used in activities approved by the district when the district has adopted appropriate safeguards to ensure student safety.

**Under the Texas Penal Code**

- Carrying on or about the students person the following, as defined by the Texas Penal Code:
  - A handgun defined by state law as any firearm designed, made, or adapted to be used with one hand. (See glossary.) *Note:* A student may not be expelled solely on the basis of the use, exhibition, or possession of a firearm that occurs at an approved target range facility that is not located on school campus, while participating in or preparing for a school—sponsored, shooting sports competition or shooting sports educational activity that is sponsored or supported by the Parks and Wildlife Department, or a shooting sports sanctioning organization working with the department. [See policy FNCG(LEGAL)]
  - A location-restricted knife, as defined by state law. (See glossary)
  - A club such as defined by state law (See Glossary)
  - Possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a prohibited weapon, as defined in state law. (See glossary.)

- Behaving in a manner that contains elements of the following offenses under the Texas Penal Code:
  - Aggravated assault, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault.
  - Arson. (See glossary.)
  - Murder, capital murder, or criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder.
Expulsion

- Indecency with a child.
- Aggravated kidnapping.
- Aggravated robbery.
- Manslaughter.
- Criminally negligent homicide.
- Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children.
- Behavior punishable as a felony that involves selling, giving, or delivering to another person, or possessing, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, or alcohol; or committing a serious act or offense while under the influence of alcohol.
- Engaging in retaliation against a school employee or volunteer combined with one of the above-listed mandatory expulsion offenses.

Under Age Ten

When a student under the age of ten engages in behavior that is expellable behavior, the student shall not be expelled, but shall be placed in a DAEP. A student under age six shall not be placed in a DAEP unless the student commits a federal firearm offense.

Process

If a student is believed to have committed an expellable offense, the principal or other appropriate administrator shall schedule a hearing within a reasonable time. The student’s parent shall be invited in writing to attend the hearing.

Until a hearing can be held, the principal may place the student in:

- Another appropriate classroom.
- In-school suspension.
- Out-of-school suspension.
- DAEP.

Hearing

A student facing expulsion shall be given a hearing with appropriate due process. The student is entitled to:

1. Representation by the student’s parent or another adult who can provide guidance to the student and who is not an employee of the district,
2. An opportunity to testify and to present evidence and witnesses in the student’s defense, and
3. An opportunity to question the district’s witnesses.

After providing notice to the student and parent of the hearing, the district may hold the hearing regardless of whether the student or the student’s parent attends.
The board of trustees delegates to the Superintendent authority to conduct hearings and expel students.

**Board Review of Expulsion**

After the due process hearing, the expelled student may request that the board review the expulsion decisions. The student or parent must submit a written request to the superintendent within seven days after receipt of the written decision. The superintendent must provide the student or parent written notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the board will review the decision.

The board shall review the record of the expulsion hearing in a closed meeting unless the parent requests in writing that the matter be held in an open meeting. The board may also hear a statement from the student or parent and from the board’s designee.

The board shall hear statements made by the parties at the review and will base its decision on evidence reflected in the record and any statements made by the parties at the review. The board shall make and communicate its decision orally at the conclusion of the presentation. Consequences shall not be deferred pending the outcome of the hearing.

**Expulsion Order**

Before order the expulsion, the board or campus behavior coordinator shall take into consideration:

1. Self-defense (see glossary)
2. Intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct.
3. The student’s disciplinary history, or
4. A disability that substantially impairs the student’s capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student’s conduct.

After the due process hearing, if the student is expelled, the board or its designee shall deliver to the student and the student’s parent a copy of the order expelling the student.

Not later than the second business day after the hearing, the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee shall deliver to the juvenile court a copy of the expulsion order and the information required by Section 52.04 of the Family Code.

If the length of the expulsion is inconsistent with the guidelines included in the Student Code of Conduct, the expulsion order shall give notice of the inconsistency.

**Length of Expulsion**

The length of an expulsion shall be correlated to the seriousness of the offense, the student’s age and grade level, the frequency of misbehavior, the student’s attitude, and statutory requirements.

The duration of a student’s expulsion shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. The maximum period of expulsion is one calendar year except as provided below.

An expulsion may not exceed one year unless, after review, the district determines that:
1. The student is a threat to the safety of other students or to district employees, or
2. Extended expulsion is in the best interest of the student.

State and federal law require a student to be expelled from the regular classroom for a period of at least one calendar year for bringing a firearm, as defined by federal law, to school. However, the superintendent or other appropriate administrator may modify the length of the expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Students who commit offenses that require expulsion at the end of one school year may be expelled into the next school year to complete the term of expulsion.

**Withdrawal during Process**

When a student has violated the district’s Code in a way that requires or permits expulsion from the district and the student withdraws from the district before the expulsion hearing takes place, the district may conduct the hearing after sending written notice to the parent and student.

If the student then reenrolls in the district during the same or subsequent school year, the district may enforce the expulsion order at that time, less any expulsion period that has been served by the student during enrollment in another district.

If the Campus Behavior Coordinator or the board fails to issue an expulsion order after the student withdraws, the next district in which the student enrolls may complete the proceedings.

**Additional Misconduct**

If during the expulsion, the student engages in additional conduct for which placement in a DAEP or expulsion is required or permitted, additional proceedings may be conducted, and the Campus Behavior Coordinator or the board may issue an additional disciplinary order as a result of those proceedings.

**Restrictions during Expulsion**

Expelled students are prohibited from being on school grounds or attending school-sponsored or school-related activities during the period of expulsion.

No district academic credit shall be earned for work missed during the period of expulsion unless the student is enrolled in a JJAEP or another district-approved program.

**Newly Enrolled Students**

The district shall decide on a case-by-case basis the placement of a student who is subject to an expulsion order from another district or an open-enrollment charter school upon enrollment in the district.

If a student expelled in another state enrolls in the district, the district may continue the expulsion under the terms of the expulsion order, may place the student in a DAEP for the period specified in the order, or may allow the student to attend regular classes if:

1. The out-of-state district provides the district with a copy of the expulsion order, and
2. The offense resulting in the expulsion is also an expellable offense in the district in which the student is enrolling.
Expulsion

If a student is expelled by a district in another state for a period that exceeds one year and the district continues the expulsion or places the student in a DAEP, the district shall reduce the period of the expulsion or DAEP placement so that the entire period does not exceed one year, unless after a review it is determined that:

1. The student is a threat to the safety of other students or district employees, or
2. Extended placement is in the best interest of the student.

Emergency Expulsion Procedures

When an emergency expulsion is necessary to protect persons or property from imminent harm, the student shall be given verbal notice of the reason for the action. Within ten days after the date of the emergency expulsion, the student shall be given appropriate due process required for a student facing expulsion.

DAEP Placement of Expelled Students

The district may provide educational services to any expelled student in a DAEP; however, educational services in the DAEP must be provided if the student is less than ten years of age.
Glossary

The glossary provides legal definitions and locally established definitions and is intended to assist in understanding terms related to the Student Code of Conduct.

**Abuse** is improper or excessive use.

**Aggravated robbery** is defined in part by Texas Penal Code 29.03(a) when a person commits robbery and:

1. Causes serious bodily injury to another;
2. Uses or exhibits a deadly weapon; or
3. Causes bodily injury to another person or threatens or places another person in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, if the other person is:
   a. 65 years of age or older, or
   b. A disabled person.

**Armor-piercing ammunition** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as handgun ammunition used in pistols and revolvers and designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor.

**Arson** is defined in part by Texas Penal Code 28.08 as:

1. A crime that involves starting a fire or causing an explosion with intent to destroy or damage:
   a. Any vegetation, fence, or structure on open-space land; or
   b. Any building, habitation, or vehicle:
      1) Knowing that it is within the limits of an incorporated city or town,
      2) Knowing that it is insured against damage or destruction,
      3) Knowing that it is subject to a mortgage or other security interest,
      4) Knowing that it is located on property belonging to another,
      5) Knowing that it has located within it property belonging to another, or
      6) When the person starting the fire is reckless about whether the burning or explosion will endanger the life of some individual or the safety of the property of another.

2. A crime that involves recklessly starting a fire or causing an explosion while manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance and the fire or explosion damages any building, habitation, or vehicle; or

3. A crime that involves intentionally starting a fire or causing an explosion and in so doing:
   a. Recklessly damages or destroys a building belonging to another, or
   b. Recklessly causes another person to suffer bodily injury or death.

**Assault** is defined in part by Texas Penal Code 22.01(a)(1) as intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another; 22.01(a)(2) as intentionally or knowingly threatening another with imminent bodily injury; and 22.01(a)(3) as intentionally or knowingly causing physical contact with another that can reasonably be regarded as offensive or provocative.
**Breach of Computer Security** includes knowingly accessing a computer, computer network, or computer system without the effective consent of the owner as defined in Texas Penal Code 33.02, if the conduct involves accessing a computer, computer network, or computer system owned by or operated on behalf of a school district; and the student knowingly alters, damages, or deletes school district property or information; or commits a breach of any other computer, computer network, or computer system.

**Bullying** is defined in Section 37.0832 of the Education Code as a single significant act or a pattern of acts by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power and involves engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that:

1. Has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student’s property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student’s person or of damage to the student’s property;
2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.
3. Materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or school; or
4. Infringes on the rights of the victim at school.

Bullying includes cyberbullying. This state law on bullying prevention applies to:

1. Bullying that occurs on or is delivered to school property or to the site of a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property;
2. Bullying that occurs on a publicly or privately owned school bus or vehicle being used for transportation of students to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity; and
3. Cyberbullying that occurs off school property or outside of a school-sponsored or school-related activity if the cyberbullying interferes with the student’s educational opportunities or substantially disrupts the operation of a classroom, school, or school sponsored or school-related activity.

**Chemical dispensing device** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as a device designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of dispensing a substance capable of causing an adverse psychological or physiological effect on a human being. A small chemical dispenser sold commercially for personal protection is not in this category.

**Club** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as an instrument specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death. A blackjack, nightstick, mace, and tomahawk are in the same category.

**Criminal street gang** is three or more persons having a common identifying sign or symbol or an identifiable leadership who continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activities.

**Cyberbullying** is defined by Section 37.0832 of the Education Code as bullying that is done through the use of any electronic communication device, including through the use of a cellular
or other type of telephone, a computer, a camera, electronic mail, instant messaging, text messaging, a social media application, an internet website, or any other Internet-based communication tool.

**Dating violence** occurs when a person in a current or past dating relationship uses physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in the relationship. Dating violence also occurs when a person commits these acts against a person in a marriage or dating relationship with the individual who is or was once in a marriage or dating relationship with the person committing the offense, as defined by Section 71.0021 of the Family Code.

**Deadly conduct** occurs when a person recklessly engages in conduct that places another in imminent danger of serious bodily injury, such as knowingly discharging a firearm in the direction of an individual, habitation, building, or vehicle.

**Deferred adjudication** is an alternative to seeking a conviction in court that may be offered to a juvenile for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision.

**Deferred prosecution** may be offered to a juvenile as an alternative to seeking a conviction in court for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision.

**Delinquent conduct** is conduct that violates either state or federal law and is punishable by imprisonment or confinement in jail. It includes conduct that violates certain juvenile court orders, including probation orders, but does not include violations of traffic laws.

**Discretionary** means that something is left to or regulated by a local decision maker.

**E-cigarette** means an electronic cigarette or any other device that simulates smoking by using a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit to deliver nicotine or other substances to the individual inhaling from the device. The term includes any device that is manufactured, distributed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under another product name or description and a component, part, or accessory for the device, regardless of whether the component, part, or accessory is sold separately from the device.

**Explosive weapon** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as any explosive or incendiary bomb, grenade, rocket, or mine and its delivery mechanism that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, or for the principal purpose of causing such a loud report as to cause undue public alarm or terror.

**False Alarm or Report** occurs when a person knowingly initiates, communicates, or circulates a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that he or she knows is false or baseless and that would ordinarily:

1. Cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;
2. Place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or
3. Prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, or place of assembly.

**Firearm** is defined by federal law (18 U.S.C. § 921(a)) as:

1. Any weapon (including a starter gun) that will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;
2. The frame or receiver of any such weapon;
3. Any firearm muffler or firearm weapon; or
4. Any destructive device, such as any explosive, incendiary or poison gas bomb, or grenade.

Such term does not include an antique firearm.

**Firearm silencer** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as any device designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

**Graffiti** are markings with paint, an indelible pen or marker, or an etching or engraving device on tangible property without the effective consent of the owner. The markings may include inscriptions, slogans, drawings, or paintings.

**Handgun** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as any firearm that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one hand.

**Harassment** is:
1. Conduct that meets the definition established in district policies DIA(LOCAL) and FFH(LOCAL); or
2. Conduct that threatens to cause harm or bodily injury to another person, including a district student, employee, board member, or volunteer; is sexually intimidating, causes physical damage to the property of another student, subjects another student to physical confinement or restraint, or maliciously and substantially harms another student’s physical or emotional health or safety.

**Hazing** is defined by Section 37.151 of the Education Code as an intentional, knowing, or reckless act, on or off campus, by one person alone or acting with others, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, initiation into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization.

**Hit list** is defined in Section 37.001 (b)(3) of the Education Code as a list of people targeted to be harmed, using a firearm, a knife, or any other object to be used with intent to cause bodily harm.

**Improvised Explosive Device** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as a completed and operation bomb designed to cause serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage that is fabricated in an improvised manner using nonmilitary components.

**Indecent Exposure** is defined by Texas Penal Code 21.08 as an offense that occurs when a person exposes his or her anus or any part of his or her genitals with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, and is reckless about whether another is present who will be offended or alarmed by the act.

**Intimate Visual Material** is defined by the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code 98B.001 and Texas Penal Code 21.16 as visual material that depicts a person with a person’s intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual conduct. “Visual Material” means any film, photograph, video tape, negative, or slide of any photographic reproduction or any other physical medium that allows an image to be displayed on a computer or other video screen and any image transmitted to a computer or other video screen.

**Location Restricted Knife** is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as a knife with a blade over five and one-half inches.
Knuckles as defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 are any instrument consisting of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and designed or adapted for inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles.

Look-alike Weapon means an item that resembles a weapon but is not intended to be used to cause serious bodily injury.

Machine gun as defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 is any firearm that is capable of shooting more than two shots automatically, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

Mandatory means that something is obligatory or required because of an authority.

Paraphernalia are devices that can be used for inhaling, ingesting, injecting, or otherwise introducing a controlled substance into a human body or preparing a substance for use.

Possession means to have an item on one’s person or in one’s personal property, including but not limited to clothing, purse, or backpack; a private vehicle used for transportation to or from school or school-related activities, including but not limited to an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or bicycle; telecommunications or electronic devices; or any school property used by the

Prohibited weapon under Texas Penal Code 46.05(a) means

1. The following items unless registered with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives or otherwise not subject to that registration requirement or unless the item is classified as a curio or relic by the U.S. Department of Justice:
   a. An explosive weapon;
   b. A machine gun;
   c. A short-barrel firearm
2. Knuckles;
3. Armor-piercing ammunition;
4. A chemical dispensing device;
5. A Zip gun;
6. A tire deflation device;
7. An improvised explosive device; or
8. A firearm silencer, unless classified as a relic by the U.S. Department of Justice or the actor otherwise possesses, manufactures, transports, repairs, or sells the firearm silencer in compliance with federal law.

Public Lewdness is defined by Texas Penal Code 21.07 as an offence that occurs when a person knowingly engages in an act of sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, or sexual contact in a public place or, if not in a public place, is reckless about whether another is present who will be offended or alarmed by the Act.

Public school fraternity, sorority, secret society, or gang means an organization composed wholly or in part of students that seeks to perpetuate itself by taking additional members from the students enrolled in school based on a decision of its membership rather than on the free choice of a qualified student. Educational organizations listed in Section 37.121(d) of the Education Code are excepted from this definition.

Reasonable belief is a determination made by the superintendent or designee using all available information, including the information furnished under Article 15.27 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
Self-defense is the use of force against another to the degree a person reasonably believes the force is immediately necessary to protect himself or herself.

Serious misbehavior means:
1. Deliberate violent behavior that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others;
2. Extortion, meaning the gaining of money or other property by force or threat;
3. Conduct that constitutes coercion, as defined by Section 1.07, Texas Penal Code; or
4. Conduct that constitutes the offense of:
   a. Public lewdness under Section 21.07, Texas Penal Code;
   b. Indecent exposure under Section 21.08, Texas Penal Code;
   c. Criminal mischief under Section 28.03, Texas Penal Code;
   d. Personal hazing under Section 37.152, Education Code; or
   e. Harassment under Section 42.07(a)(1), Texas Penal Code, of a student or district employee.

Serious or persistent misbehavior includes but is not limited to:
- Behavior that is grounds for permissible expulsion or mandatory DAEP placement.
- Behavior identified by the district as grounds for discretionary DAEP placement.
- Actions or demonstrations that substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school activities.
- Refusal to attempt or complete school work as assigned.
- Insubordination.
- Profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures.
- Leaving school grounds without permission.
- Falsification of records, passes, or other school-related documents.
- Refusal to accept discipline assigned by the teacher or principal.

Short-barrel firearm is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, or any weapon made from a rifle or shotgun that, as altered, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

Terroristic threat is defined by Texas Penal Code 22.07 as a threat of violence to any person or property with intent to:
1. Cause a reaction of any type by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;
2. Place any person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury;
3. Prevent or interrupt the occupation or use of a building; room, place of assembly, or place to which the public has access; place of employment or occupation; aircraft, automobile, or other form of conveyance; or other public place;
4. Cause impairment or interruption of public communications, public transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public service;

5. Place the public or a substantial group of the public in fear of serious bodily injury; or

6. Influence the conduct or activities of a branch or agency of the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state (including the district).

**Tire deflation device** is defined in part by Section 46.01 of the Texas Penal Code as a device, including a caltrop or spike strip, that, when driven over, impedes or stops the movement of a wheeled vehicle by puncturing one or more of the vehicle’s tires.

**Title 5 felonies** are those crimes listed in Title 5 of the Texas Penal Code that typically involve injury to a person and may include

- Murder, manslaughter, or homicide under Sections 19.02, - .05, Texas Penal Code;
- Kidnapping under Section 20.03, Texas Penal Code;
- Trafficking of persons under Section 20A.02, Texas Penal Code
- Smuggling or continuous smuggling of persons under Sections 20.05 - .06, Texas Penal Code;
- Assault under Section 22.01, Texas Penal Code;
- Aggravated assault under Section 22.02, Texas Penal Code;
- Sexual assault under Section 22.021, Texas Penal Code;
- Aggravated sexual assault under Section 22.021, Texas Penal Code;
- Unlawful restraint under Section 20.02, Texas Penal Code;
- Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children under Section 21.02, Texas Penal Code;
- Bestiality under Section 21.09, Texas Penal Code;
- Improper relationship between educator and student under Section 21.12, Texas Penal Code;
- Voyeurism under Section 21.17, Texas Penal Code;
- Indecency with a child under Section 21.11, Texas Penal Code;
- Invasive visual recording under Section 21.15, Texas Penal Code;
- Disclosure or promotion of intimate visual material under Section 21.16, Texas Penal Code;
- Sexual coercion under Section 21.18, Texas Penal Code;
- Injury to a child, an elderly person, or a disabled person of any age under Section 22.04, Texas Penal Code;
- Abandoning or endangering a child under Section 22.041, Texas Penal Code;
- Deadly conduct under Section 22.05, Texas Penal Code;
- Terroristic threat under Section 22.07;
• Aiding a person to commit suicide under Section 22.08, Texas Penal Code; and
• Tampering with a consumer product under Section 22.09, Texas Penal Code.
[See FOC(EXHIBIT)]

_Under the influence_ means lacking the normal use of mental or physical faculties. Impairment of a person’s physical or mental faculties may be evidenced by a pattern of abnormal or erratic behavior, the presence of physical symptoms of drug or alcohol use, or by admission. A student “under the influence” need not be legally intoxicated to trigger disciplinary action.

_Use_ means voluntarily introducing into one’s body, by any means, a prohibited substance.

_Zip gun_ is defined by Texas Penal Code 46.01 as a device or combination of devices, not originally a firearm, but adapted to expel a projectile through a smooth-bore or rifled-bore barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance.

**Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities**
**Chemical Abuse Policy**

**Definition**

For the purpose of this policy, extracurricular or co-curricular activity is an activity sponsored by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the Gregory-Portland Independent School District (GPISD) Board of Trustees, or an organization sanctioned by the Board of Trustees. Such activities include, but are not limited to, public performances, contests, demonstrations, displays, club activities, and athletic contests. In the case where performance for the mastery of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) is required for course mastery, the instructor is to allow the student to perform before an audience in a variety of live performances, other than for the general public.

**Jurisdiction**

GPISD encourages such activities and makes them available as an extension of the regular school program with this important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student. Participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students engaging in such activities not only represent themselves, but also other students and the school district while performing or participating. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total GPISD student body at all times and places.
Because participation in the covered activities is a privilege and not a right, GPISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, the Chemical Abuse Policy extends beyond the GPISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. The student, parent, or legal guardian will receive a copy of the Chemical Abuse Policy, which may be found in the Student Handbook. In addition to guidelines outlined in this policy, students are subject to GPISD Board Policy FNF (LOCAL) regarding drug testing.

This policy is not intended to be exclusive. Coaches and sponsors have the authority to impose penalties within an organization for student misbehavior. Final decision regarding consequences and discipline will be determined by campus administration.

Procedures

This policy shall be included in the Student Handbook annually. Coaches, sponsors, and program directors are responsible for investigating incidents, reporting violations to campus administration and enforcing the policy. A decision regarding consequences for a violation of this policy may be appealed within 10 days in writing to the campus principal. Any appeals must follow GPISD policy FNG (Local).

POLICY GUIDELINES

The Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Chemical Abuse Policy will be enforced with all students participating in extracurricular activities:

The Policy will be in effect according to the GPISD Calendar beginning the first day of school including weekends, vacations, and holidays. The policy will conclude at the end of the day on the last day of school.

Exceptions:

1. If the student(s) is preparing for a school-related competition as a continuation of the school year, the policy is in effect until the conclusion of such activity.
Example: If the activity extends beyond the last day of school, the policy is in effect for such student(s) until that activity has concluded.

2. If the official start date for the activity is before the beginning of the school year, the policy goes into effect beginning the day the activity officially starts.

Example: If the activity officially starts before the first school day, the policy will be in effect for the student(s) beginning the activity start date.

3. Certain activities have organized practice prior to the start of the activity. This policy is in effect beginning the day practice begins for that activity, club, or organization.

   - Regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event
   - Regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the times the prohibited abuse occurs
   - Regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season
   - Regardless of where or when the offense occurs.

**PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

GPISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times during the school year including exceptions as listed above for:

   - Possessing, smoking, selling, or using tobacco products or devices (includes vapor and electronic devices)
   - Possessing or using drug paraphernalia
   - Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals
   - Possessing, selling, giving, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind
   - Possessing, selling, giving or delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, dangerous drug, or an over-the-counter drug as a result of its abuse
   - Attending any non-public or non-professional event at which underage drinking is occurring, unless a parent or guardian is present. (Students will be allowed a slight concession to determine that a violation is occurring and to remove themselves.)
   - Riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent or guardian is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol. (Students will be allowed a slight concession to determine that a violation is occurring and to remove themselves.)
DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. If the activity is in progress, the penalty will begin the day it is determined/decided the policy was violated. The student will be suspended from the activity pending the decision of the investigation of the alleged violation, including the time during an appeal.

2. If the violation occurs when the activity is not in progress, the penalty begins the 1st day the activity begins, which may include the next school year.

3. For the purpose of this policy, “Calendar Year” is measured forward from the date the student is notified of the infraction. A calendar year may exceed beyond the current school year.

4. Any 2nd offense for in the presence of or involvement that follows a serious offense will result in consequences for serious consequence.

A violation of any of the above-mentioned rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- **In Presence of** but not involved with any prohibited items

  1st Offense for in presence of:

  Fifteen (15) hours of community service; must be approved by the coach/sponsor or campus administrator prior to performing community service and completed prior to participating in any extracurricular activity. The student is **not** allowed to travel with the team, club, or organization until this requirement is fulfilled.

  2nd Offense for in presence of:

  - Complete twenty-five (25) hours of community service; must be approved by the coach/sponsor or campus administrator prior to performing community service and completed prior to participating in any extracurricular activity. The student is **not** allowed to travel with the team, club, or organization until this requirement is fulfilled.

  - Attend a district-approved Chemical Abuse Program. Students may choose to:
    - Attend a private chemical abuse program at his/her own expense. Verification of completion of the program must be provided to a campus administrator before participating in any activity; or
    - Attend a district provided chemical abuse program. Students are allowed to perform, play, and participate once enrollment and attendance in the Chemical
Abuse Program is verified. District provided programs may include a nominal fee for materials.

If the student chooses not to complete the requirements of the 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} offense, he/she will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity.

\textbf{3rd Offense for in presence of:}

Removal from all extracurricular activities, related classes, and practices for one calendar year beginning on the day that it was determined the offense occurred.

- **Involvement/Serious Offense:** Selling, delivering, giving, possessing, using, transmitting, or being under the influence of any chemicals listed under \textit{Prohibited Conduct} (excluding tobacco)

\textbf{1\textsuperscript{st} Offense for Involvement:}

- Complete thirty (30) hours of community service; must be approved by the coach/spo\textsuperscript{r} or campus administrator prior to performing community service and completed prior to participating in any extracurricular activity. The student is not allowed to travel with the team, club, or organization until this requirement is fulfilled.

- Attend a district-approved \textit{Chemical Abuse Program}. Students may choose to:
  - Attend a private chemical abuse program at his/her own expense. Verification of completion of the program must be provided to a campus administrator before participating in any activity; or
  - Attend a district provided chemical abuse program. Students are allowed to perform, play, and participate once enrollment and attendance in the Chemical Abuse Program is verified. District provided programs may include a nominal fee for materials.

If the student chooses not to complete the requirements of the offense, he/she will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity.

\textbf{2\textsuperscript{nd} Offense for involvement:}
Removal from all extracurricular activities, related classes, and practices for one calendar year beginning on the day that it was determined the offense occurred.
Administrators have discretion on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress code, including matters not specifically covered in the student dress code.

Students may wear shirts, pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses, outerwear and shoes that adhere to the following rules:

1. No clothing or accessories should advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, cult-or-gang-related material including bandanas, or clothing that is sexually suggestive or demeaning to other people. This includes gothic attire and skulls.
2. All clothing must be appropriately sized to the student.
   a. No tight, low-cut, or revealing clothing (bicycle shorts, yoga pants, etc.).
   b. Shirts should not be longer than finger-tip length.
   c. No midriffs may show (including with arms raised over head).
   d. Necklines should not show cleavage.
3. All clothing must be intact and opaque (not see-through).
   a. No cut, torn, or frayed material.
   b. Appropriate hems and finished edges.
   c. No mesh clothing.
   d. No clothing designed as undergarments (men’s undershirts, women’s lingerie, camisoles).
   e. No pajama-style pants.
4. All skirts, shorts, skorts and dresses must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Dresses may be worn in grades PK-6 only.
5. No leggings or yoga pants may be worn in place of pants. Leggings ARE allowed when worn under skirts, and dresses.
6. In grades 7-12, students may not wear sweatpants, windpants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups, coveralls, overalls, or athletic-style shorts (except in PE/Athletics, Band, or Cheerleading classes.)
7. Any clothing that reveals the shoulders (sleeveless shirts, jumpers, and sundresses) should have an appropriate shirt worn underneath that covers the shoulders.
8. Appropriate underclothing should be worn, but not visible. (Bras, boxer shorts, etc.)
9. No hats, caps, head coverings, gloves, arm socks, hoods, or sunglasses may be worn indoors.
10. Shoes
a. Acceptable:
   i. Athletic, sandals, loafers, and boots may be worn.
   ii. Laced shoes must be laced and tied.

b. NOT acceptable:
   i. All heels higher than 2 inches.
   ii. Military style boots, shower shoes, house shoes, shoes with wheels, rollerblades.

c. Additional restrictions may be imposed for shoes required for P.E, athletics, science, etc.

11. Students who are members of nationally recognized organizations (i.e., scouting) may wear the uniforms approved by that organization if the uniform(s) meet the requirements of this dress code.

12. Hair and makeup should provide a natural appearance:
   a. Hair should be clean, neat, away from the face and a natural color.
   b. Boys must be clean shaven.
      i. Sideburns cannot extend below the bottom of the earlobe.
   c. No distracting hairdos (Mo-hawks, symbols/marks shaved into hair).
   d. Lip color should be natural (not black).
   e. No makeup or nail polish for boys.
   f. Contacts should be a natural color.

13. No excessive jewelry:
   a. No hanging straps, or chains.
   b. No earrings for boys.

14. No body ornamentation should be visible:
   a. Tattoos, body art, writing, or pictures should be covered and hidden from view.
   b. No nose studs, nose rings, tongue rings, gauges/plugs/tapers/spacers, or other body piercings. (Exception: Girls may wear earrings).

15. When outerwear (hoodies, coats, etc.) is necessary,
   a. Appropriate attire should be worn underneath.
   b. No hoods may be worn indoors.
   c. No dusters or trench coats are allowed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
- Backpacks are allowed in grades PK-12.
- Principals may designate special occasion days with guidelines that vary from this dress code, as appropriate.
- The sponsor, coach, or other employee in charge of an extracurricular or co-curricular activity or special class, in cooperation with the campus administration, may impose additional guidelines on the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity or class.
Administrators have discretion on all matters concerning interpretation of the student dress code, including matters not specifically covered in the student dress code.