

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Good conduct is based on respect and consideration for the rights of others. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in such a way that the rights of others are not violated. The students of the District will conform with school regulations and accept directions from authorized school personnel.

A student who fails to comply with established school rules or with any reasonable request made by school personnel on school property and/or at school-related events will be dealt with according to approved student discipline regulations.

Students will annually receive at the opening of the school year, or upon entering during the year, written information on the rules and regulations to which they are subject. The information will include the types of conduct that will make them liable to suspension or expulsion from school or other forms of disciplinary action. Parents will also be informed of the conduct expected of students. Further, the rules shall be posted in a central location in each school that is subject to the policy.

This policy is adopted by the Board of Education of the Fairfield City School District pursuant to S3313.661, Ohio Revised Code.

Any pupil engaging in the types of conduct, either specifically or generally, like the kinds of conduct listed below is subject to expulsion, suspension, emergency suspension, or removal from curricular or extracurricular activities or transportation pursuant to S3313.661, Ohio Revised Code. This policy applies to all students while on school-owned or controlled property, in a school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity and also applies to misconduct that occurs off school owned or controlled property if the misconduct is connected to school sponsored activities and to misconduct directed at a District official or employee, or the property of such official or an employee regardless of where the misconduct occurs.

The types of conduct prohibited by this policy are as follows:

1. Damaging or destroying school property
2. Damaging or destroying private property
3. Assaulting a school employee, student, or other person, which includes both physical assault and threats of violence, whether in verbal, written, or electronic form.
4. Bringing/possessing a firearm (or look-alike firearm) or knife (may also result in permanent exclusion)
5. Fighting
6. Chronic misbehavior which disrupts or interferes with any school activity

7. Disregard of reasonable directions or commands by school authorities, including school administrators and teachers
8. Any disruption or interference with school activities
9. Presence in areas during school hours or outside school hours where a student has no legitimate business without permission of school administration or a teacher
10. Leaving school during school hours without permission of the proper school authorities
11. Distribution of pamphlets, leaflets, buttons, insignia, etc., without the permission of the proper school authorities
12. Demonstrations by individuals or groups causing disruption to the school program
13. Disrespect to a teacher or other school authority
14. Skipping detention
15. Refusing to take detention or other properly administered discipline
16. Falsifying of information given to school authorities in the legitimate pursuit of their job
17. Buying, selling, using, possessing, showing evidence of having consumed, or being under the influence to any degree of any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana, etc.); or buying, selling, using, possessing, showing evidence of having consumed, or being under the influence to any degree of any counterfeit controlled substance (any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that you think is a controlled substance)
18. Possessing drug paraphernalia
19. Possessing, using, showing evidence of having consumed, or being under the influence to any degree of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind
20. Smoking or using tobacco, or possessing any substance containing tobacco
21. Turning in false fire, tornado, bomb, or disaster alarms and/or tampering with same
22. Placing of signs and slogans on school property without the permission of the proper authorities
23. Extortion of a pupil or school personnel
24. Forgery of school-related documents

25. Cursing
26. Truancy
27. Cheating or plagiarizing
28. Hazing (doing any act or coercing another to do any act of intimidation to any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person)
29. Gambling
30. Tardiness
31. Violation of the district's medication and/or immunization policies
32. Engaging in sexual acts on school premises
33. Publication of obscene, pornographic, or defamatory material
34. Use of indecent or obscene language in oral or written form
35. Indecent exposure
36. Arson
37. Failure to abide by reasonable dress and appearance codes set forth in student handbooks or established by administration or the Board of Education
38. Failure to abide by rules and regulations set forth by administration for student parking
39. Disobedience of driving regulations while on school property
40. Presence on school property with a communicable disease
41. Willfully aiding another person to violate school regulations
42. Stealing
43. Commission by a pupil of any crime in violation of the Ohio Criminal Code, Ohio Traffic Code, or the Ohio Juvenile Code on school premises or while in the control or custody of the school district regardless of whether on or off school premises, or at a school-related activity regardless of location
44. Sexual harassment

45. Racial or ethnic or other forms of intimidation and/or harassment
46. Bullying (any written or verbal expression, physical act, or gesture, or a pattern thereof, that is intended to cause distress upon one or more persons)
47. Engaging in prohibited gang activities
48. Using electronic devices such as radios, MP3 players, recorders, televisions, video games, cellular phones, etc., while in school during school hours unless they are being used with teacher permission in grades 5-12, and/or during non-instructional time in grades 9-12.
49. Copying copyrighted software or violating copyright laws; changing school, student, or staff computer records; exchanging reports, stealing tests or test answers; gaining access to unauthorized internet sites; or violating the District's Technology and Communication Services policy
50. Making a bomb threat to a school building or to any premises at which a school activity is occurring at the time of the threat or is scheduled at the time the threatened bombing is to occur (may result in expulsion of up to one year)
51. Any other activity by a pupil which the pupil knows or should know will disrupt the academic process or a curricular or extracurricular activity while on school premises or while in the control or custody of the school district regardless of whether on or off school premises, or while at a school-related activity regardless of location

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LEGAL REFS: ORC 3313.20; 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.662
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CROSS REFS: ABC, Student Involvement in Decision Making (Also JFB)
EBC, Emergency Plans
JG, Student Discipline and subcodes
Student and Parent Handbooks