

Student Discipline

The Board, in accordance with applicable law, has adopted a written student conduct and discipline code based upon the principle that every student is expected to follow accepted rules of conduct and to show respect for and to obey persons in authority. The code emphasizes that certain behavior is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. Disorderly students shall be dealt with in a manner which allows other students to learn in an atmosphere which is safe, conducive to the learning process and free from unnecessary disruptions. The code shall be enforced uniformly, fairly and consistently for all students.

All Board-adopted policies and Board-approved regulations containing the letters "JK" in the file name constitute the discipline section of the legally required code.

The Board shall consult with administrators, teachers, parents, students and other members of the community in the development and review of the conduct and discipline code.

Distribution of conduct and discipline code

The conduct and discipline code shall be provided to each student upon enrollment in elementary, middle and high school. The district shall take reasonable measures to ensure each student is familiar with the code. Copies shall be posted in each school of the district. In addition, any significant change in the code shall be provided to students and posted in each school.

Remedial discipline plans

The principal may develop a remedial discipline plan for any student who causes a material and substantial disruption in the classroom, on school grounds, in school vehicles or at school activities or events. The goal of the remedial discipline plan shall be to address the student's disruptive behavior and educational needs while keeping the child in school.

Discipline of habitually disruptive students

Students who have caused a material and substantial disruption on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity or sanctioned event three or more times during the course of a school year may be declared habitually disruptive students. Any student enrolled in the district's schools may be subject to being declared a habitually disruptive student. Declaration as a habitually disruptive student shall result in the student's suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

Immunity for enforcement of discipline code

An act of a teacher or other employee shall not be considered child abuse if the act was performed in good faith and in compliance with Board policy and procedures.

A teacher or any other person acting in good faith and in compliance with the discipline code adopted by the Board shall be immune from criminal prosecution or civil liability unless the person is acting willfully or wantonly.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 18-6-401 (1) (definition of child abuse)
C.R.S. 22-11-302 (1)(f) (district accountability committee shall provide input to the board regarding the creation and enforcement of the conduct and discipline code)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a) (adoption and enforcement of conduct and discipline code)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I) I (school district shall take reasonable measures to familiarize students with the conduct and discipline code)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(C) (discipline of habitually disruptive students is required part of conduct and discipline code)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (9) (immunity provisions in safe schools law)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1) (grounds for suspension, expulsion and denial of admission)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(c.5) (definition of habitually disruptive student)

CROSS REFS.: GBG, Liability of School Personnel/Staff Protection
JIC, Student Conduct, and subcodes
JK subcodes (all relate to student discipline)

CONTRACT REF.: SVVEA Agreement, Article 18–Student Discipline