

STUDENT PERSONNEL
Student Behavior and Discipline

- 510.1 Definition. "School Discipline" is the guidance of conduct of students in a way which permits the orderly and efficient operation of the school, i.e., the maintenance of a scholarly, disciplined atmosphere to achieve maximum educational benefits for all students.
- 510.2 Goal. The goal of the board of directors is to ensure the right of all students to a safe and productive educational environment in which they may learn the skills and attitudes necessary to develop and to mature as responsible adults, accountable for their own actions.
- 510.3 Applicability. The board believes inappropriate student conduct causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors on school premises. Appropriate classroom behavior allows teachers to communicate more effectively with students.
- 510.4 Expected Behavior. Students will conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with respect and consideration for the rights of others while on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district. Consequences for the misconduct will be fair and developmentally appropriate in light of the circumstances.

Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be disciplined for conduct which disrupts or interferes with the education program; conduct which disrupts the orderly and efficient operation of the school district or school activity; conduct which disrupts the rights of other students to participate in or obtain their education; conduct that is violent or destructive; or conduct which interrupts the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, suspension, probation, and expulsion.

- 510.5 Breach of Discipline. Any conduct of a student which interferes with the maintenance of school discipline as defined in Section 510.1 shall be considered a breach of discipline.

Breach of discipline includes, but not limited to the following:

- a. The use or possession of tobacco or any tobacco product;
- b. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages;
- c. The use or possession of any controlled substance unless such substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his/her professional practice;

- d. Attendance or participation in any school activity in an intoxicated state or under the influence of a controlled substance unless such substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his/her professional practice;
- e. The distribution of, transmittal of, or sale of any tobacco product, alcoholic beverage or controlled substance to other persons;
- f. Refusal to conform to policies, rules, regulations, directives or requests of the district or of its officers, employees or agents of the district when acting within the scope of their employment or duties.
- g. Extortion.
- h. Display of racial bigotry or intolerance.
- i. Criminal or illegal behavior.
- j. Committing a theft or robbery or attempting to commit a theft of robbery.
- k. Damaging, altering, injuring, defacing or destroying any building, fixture, piece of equipment or item, which includes writing, drawing, or making marks on walls, furniture, and fixtures.
- l. Gambling.
- m. Intimidation, bullying, harassment.
- n. The use of obscene, lewd or profane language.
- o. Initiating, circulating, or participating in the circulation of a report or warning of fire, epidemic, or other catastrophe knowing such report of warning to be false.
- p. Truancy: absence from school or assigned classes or activities without a reasonable excuse as defined in Code #502.
- q. Trespassing on school property: entering upon or into school property without justification or without the permission of school officials or remaining on school property after being notified to leave by school officials.
- r. Joining, becoming a member of, or soliciting other students to join, or become a member of, or taking part in forming or organizing a fraternity or society of students without prior approval of the board of directors.
- s. A student who commits an assault against an employee on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on

school-owned or school operated chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school district activities will be suspended by the principal. Notice of the suspension is sent to the board president. The board will review the suspension to determine whether to impose further sanctions against the student which may include expulsion. Assault for purposes of this section of this policy is defined as:

- * an act which is intended to cause pain or injury to, or which is intended to result in physical contact which will be insulting or offensive to another, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act; or
- * any act which is intended to place another in fear of immediate physical contact which will be painful, injurious, insulting or offensive, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act; or
- * intentionally points any firearm toward another or displays in a threatening manner any dangerous weapon toward another.

The act is not an assault when the person doing any of the above and the other person are voluntary participants in a sport, social or other activity, not in itself criminal, when the act is a reasonably foreseeable incident of such sport or activity, and does not create an unreasonable risk of serious injury or breach of the peace.

510.6 Sanctions

510.6(a) Students who violate the policies, regulations, rules or directives of the district, including those activities specified in Section 510.5, or who have documented cases of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the district, will be disciplined by one or more of the following actions:

1. Denial of extracurricular activities or privileges.
2. Temporary removal from class to the office of the principal or his/her designee for a period not to exceed two days when the principal or designee reviews with the student and the classroom teacher the misconduct of the student and determines the conditions for readmission to class or for further disciplinary proceedings.
3. Probation means a student is given a conditional suspension of a penalty for a definite period of time in addition to being reprimanded. The conditional suspension will mean the student must meet the conditions and terms for the suspension of the penalty. Failure of the student to meet these conditions and terms will result in immediate reinstatement of the penalty.
4. Detention means the student's presence is required during non-school hours for disciplinary purposes. The student can be required to appear prior to the beginning of the school day, after school has been dismissed for the day, or on a

non-school day. Whether a student will serve detention, and the length of the detention, is within the discretion of the licensed employee disciplining the student or the building principal.

5. In-school suspension: the temporary isolation of a student from one or more classes, while under proper supervision, where the misconduct does not warrant removal from school by suspension.
6. Removal from the classroom means a student is sent to the building principal's office. It is within the discretion of the person in charge of the classroom to remove the student.
7. Suspension means: either an in-school suspension, an out-of-school suspension, a restriction from activities or loss of eligibility. An in-school suspension means the student will attend school but will be temporarily isolated from one or more classes while under supervision. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten consecutive school days. An out-of-school suspension means the student is removed from the school environment, which includes school classes and activities. An out-of-school suspension will not exceed ten days. A restriction from school activities means a student will attend school and classes and practice but will not participate in school activities.
8. Expulsion means an action by the board to remove a student from the school environment, which includes, but is not limited to, classes and activities, for a period of time set by the board.

Following the suspension of a special education student, an informal evaluation of the student's placement will take place. The Individual Education Program (IEP) is evaluated to determine whether it needs to be changed or modified in response to the behavior that led to the suspension.

If a special education student's suspension, either in or out of school, equal ten days on a cumulative basis, a staffing team will meet to determine whether the IEP is appropriate.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

9. Referral to other agencies.
10. Goals 2000 Expulsion: The school must expel a student at least one full year who violates 510.7. This expulsion may be modified at the recommendation of the superintendent.

Legal Reference: No Child Left Behind, Title IV, Sec. 4115, P.L. 107-110 (2002).
Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975).
Brands v. Sheldon Community School District, 671 F. Supp. 627 (N.D. Iowa 1987).
Sims v Colfax Comm. School Dist., 307 F. Supp. 484 (Iowa 1970).

Bunger v. Iowa High School Athletic Assn., 197 N.W. 2d 555 (Iowa 1972).
Board of Directors of Ind. School Dist. Of Waterloo v. Green, 259 Iowa 1260,
147 N. W. 2d 854 (1967).
Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 282.4, .5;708.1 (2001).

Cross Reference: 502 Attendance Requirements
518 Student Activities
602 Special Education

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