

Sisters School District 6

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Student Conduct and Discipline**

The Board expects student conduct to contribute to a positive and productive learning climate. Students shall comply with the district's written rules, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials, and conduct themselves in an orderly manner during the school day and during district-sponsored activities. This conduct applies to students in route to and from school and to school-sponsored activities.

Careful attention shall be given to procedures and methods whereby fairness and consistency without bias in discipline shall be assured each student. The objectives of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline, realize the responsibility of one's actions and maintain a productive learning environment.

Disciplinary procedures that are age appropriate and to the extent practicable uses approaches that are shown through research to be effective shall be used by school personnel to correct behavioral problems, while supporting students' attendance to school and classes. Examples include, but are not limited to, reprimands, parent conferences, detention, Saturday school, work detail, loss of privileges (including bus riding), suspension and expulsion from school. However, no employee of the school staff will participate in the formal discipline procedures of his/her own child.

Students may be suspended in cases of serious infractions or repeated failure to comply with Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules. Students may be expelled for any of the following circumstances: a) when a student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; b) when other strategies to change the student's behavior have been ineffective; or c) when required by law. Restitution may be sought for willful damage to district property. Additionally, a student's driving privileges, or the right to apply for driving privileges, may be suspended for violations of ORS 339.254 and 339.257. A referral to law enforcement may also be made for violations of the law. Parental assistance shall be requested when persistent violations occur.

Students shall be liable to discipline, suspension or expulsion for misconduct, including, but not limited to:

1. Assault;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyber bullying or teen dating violence as prohibited by Board policy JFCF/GBNA - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence - Student and accompanying administrative regulation;
3. Coercion;
4. Threats of violence or harm as prohibited by Board policy JFCM - Threats of Violence;

5. Disorderly conduct;
6. Bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon as prohibited by Board policy JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools;
7. Vandalism/Malicious Mischief/Theft or willful damage or destruction of private property on district premises or at district-sponsored activities;
8. Sexual harassment as prohibited by Board policy JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment and accompanying administrative regulation;
9. Use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs as prohibited by Board policy JFCG/KGC/GBK - Tobacco-Free Environment;
10. Use or display of profane or obscene language;
11. Disruption of the school environment;
12. Open defiance of a teacher's authority, including persistent failure to comply with the lawful directions of teachers or school officials;
13. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules.

The district shall publish and distribute to students and parents rules outlining student conduct expectations and possible disciplinary actions. In addition, each school may publish a student/parent handbook detailing additional rules and regulations specific to that level.

The district recognizes that under the Unsafe School Choice Option of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA), a school can be deemed unsafe as a whole entity or for an individual student based on expulsions for weapons violations, violent behavior or expulsions for students arrested for the following criminal offenses occurring on district grounds, on district-sponsored transportation and/or at district-sponsored activities:

1. Assault;
2. Manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance;
3. Sexual crimes using force, threatened use of force or against incapacitated persons;
4. Arson;
5. Robbery;
6. Hate/Bias crimes;
7. Coercion; or

8. Kidnapping.

The district will record and report these infractions to the Oregon Department of Education, as required. The district will provide the opportunity for all students in any district school identified as persistently dangerous or for any victim of a violent criminal offense occurring in or on the grounds of the school the student attends, to the extent feasible, the opportunity to transfer to a safe school within the district.

Parents, students and employees shall be notified by handbook, code of conduct or other documents of acceptable behavior, behavior subject to discipline and the procedures to address behavior and the consequences of that behavior. These procedures will include a system of consequences designed to correct student misconduct and promote acceptable behavior.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 339.260](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

Hazelwood Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Bethel Sch. Dist. v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

Shorb v. Grotting and Powers Sch. Dist., Case No. 00CV-0255 (Coos County Circuit Ct.) (2000).

Ferguson v. Phoenix Talent Sch. Dist. #4, 172 Or. App. 389 (2001).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 7912 (2006).