

## Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 19

Chapter 19 is a State Law that governs the behavior of students in Hawaii public schools. The purpose of school-administered discipline is to promote and maintain a safe and secure educational environment; teach and acknowledge proper behavior which is beneficial to the educational process and self-development; deter students from acts which interfere with the purpose of education or which are self-destructive or anti-social; and maintain proper student conduct to ensure that educational activities and responsibilities remain uninterrupted.

The following prohibited conduct applies to all students in the public school system, on campus, or other department of education premises, on Department of Education transportation, or during Department of Education sponsored activity or event on or off school property.

**PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT; CLASS OFFENSES:** (see HAR, Title 8, Chapter 19 online for reference)

- CLASS “A” OFFENSES:**
- (A) Assault;
  - (B) Burglary;
  - (C) Dangerous instrument, or substance; possession or use of;
  - (D) Dangerous weapons; possession, or use of;
  - (E) Drug paraphernalia, use, or sale of;
  - (F) Extortion;
  - (G) Fighting;
  - (H) Firearms; possession or use of;
  - (I) Homicide;
  - (J) Illicit drugs; possession, use, or sale of;
  - (K) Intoxicating substances; possession, use, or sale of (including alcohol);
  - (L) Property damage or vandalism;
  - (M) Robbery;
  - (N) Sexual offenses; or
  - (O) Terroristic threatening.

- CLASS “B” OFFENSES:**
- (A) Bullying;
  - (B) Cyber-bullying;
  - (C) Disorderly conduct;
  - (D) False alarm;
  - (E) Forgery;
  - (F) Gambling;
  - (G) Harassment;
  - (H) Hazing;
  - (I) Inappropriate or questionable uses, or both of internet materials or equipment, or both;
  - (J) Theft; or
  - (K) Trespassing.

- CLASS “C” OFFENSES:**
- (A) Abusive language;
  - (B) Class cutting;
  - (C) Insubordination;
  - (D) Laser pen/laser pointer, possession or use of;
  - (E) Leaving campus without consent;
  - (F) Smoking or use of tobacco substances, or
  - (G) Truancy.

- CLASS “D” OFFENSES:**
- (A) Contraband; possession or use of (*including e-cigarettes or similar*); or
  - (B) Minor problem behaviors; or
    - 1) “Defiance/disrespect/non-compliance”
    - “Disruption” means student engages in low-intensity, inappropriate disruption;
    - 2) “Dress Code violation”
    - 3) “Inappropriate language”
    - 4) “Physical contact”
    - 5) “Property misuse” means student engages in low-intensity misuse of property;
    - 6) “Tardy”, Other offenses
  - (C) Other school rules.

**Disciplinary action options may include the following:** Correction and conference; Detention; Crisis removal; Individualized instruction related to student’s problem behaviors; In-school suspension; Interim alternate education setting; Loss of privileges; Parent conferences; Time in office; Suspension of one to ten school days; Suspension of eleven (11) or more school days; Saturday school; Disciplinary transfer; Referral to alternative education programs; Dismissal; or Restitution.

**Students shall be counseled** in addition to any disciplinary action taken. No suspension or serious discipline shall be imposed on any student because of class cutting or truancy. No serious action shall be imposed on students committing Class “D” Offenses. Violators of policies will be disciplined on a case-by-case basis depending on the seriousness of the violation, prior violations, and other factors.