

DISCIPLINE AND DUE PROCESS

A student who violates the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action. A student's due process rights will be observed in all such instances, including the right to appeal the discipline decision in accordance with the District complaint procedure and any legal requirements that apply to this right. The District's disciplinary options include but are not limited to the following: counseling; a warning; detention; work crew; non-school or after school attendance; suspension; expulsion; loss of privileges, honors, awards; and removal to an alternate education program. Discipline consequences are applied based on the offense and the past pattern of behavior by the student.

BEHAVIOR POINTS SYSTEM

One way we track a student's overall school behavior is our Behavior Point System. Every student in the school begins the school year with 100 points. Students maintain eligibility for school activities, such as, but not limited to, field trips, extracurricular activities, 6th Grade Science Camp, 7th Grade Renaissance Faire, and 8th Grade Promotion Activities, by maintaining a good behavior record. Students must maintain a minimum of 95 points during the 1st trimester to be eligible for 2nd trimester activities and a minimum of 90 points thereafter. **With advanced administrative approval, a student may earn their behavior points back by providing service to the school or a community organization. (1 hour = 1 point) Service provided prior to the point loss will not be accepted. A student may only earn a maximum of 10 behavior points.**

RATTLER RHUMBA CLUB & CELEBRATIONS

Students who maintain 100 behavior points, have four absences or less during a trimester, have no overdue library books or outstanding fines, and are in possession of their student body card are members of the Rattler Rhumba Club and thus eligible to participate in celebrations. **With advanced administrative approval, a student may earn their behavior points back by providing service to the school or a community organization. (1 hour = 1 point) Service provided prior to the point loss will not be accepted. A student may only earn a maximum of three (3) behavior points in a year to remain in the Rhumba and those may not be earned during the celebration period in which they are lost.**

DISCIPLINE LEVELS

Level 1: Incidental Problem Behavior (Maximum of 2 Points Lost)

(Includes but is not limited to the following)

Running Loud Voice/Yelling Off-Task Behavior Out of Seat Littering Disruption
Not Being Prepared for Class Inappropriate Behavior Public Display of Affection Spitting
Use of an Electronics Device Lack of School Materials No Homework Dress Code
Possession/Use of a Malicious Item that has no Reasonable Use at School Late to Class

Possible Consequences: Counseling/Warning/Refocus & Parent Contact

Level 2: Minor Violations (Maximum of 5 Points Lost)

(Includes but is not limited to the following)

Inappropriate/Indirect Language or Gestures Lying Disruption Non-Compliance

Hands-Off/Physical Contact/Horseplay/Throwing of Objects Disruption

Non-Threatening Throwing of Objects Defiance/Insubordination/Disrespect

Property Misuse Technology Violation Repeated Level 1

Possible Consequences: Counseling/Warning/Refocus/Detention/Class Suspension & Parent Contact

Level 3: Major Violations (Maximum of 10 Points Lost)

(Includes but is not limited to the following)

Abusive/Inappropriate Language/Profanity Physical Aggression Fighting Cheating/Lying

Lying/Providing False Information Harassment/Bullying/Hazing Property Damage/Vandalism

Defiance/Insubordination/Disrespect Forgery/Theft/Plagiarism Technology Violation

Inappropriate Display of Affection Inappropriate Location/Off-Limits Area Safety/Malicious Items

Disruption Sold/Possessed Look Alike Drugs/Alcohol/Weapons Possession of Dangerous Objects

Possessed/Sold Drug Paraphernalia Repeated Level 1 & 2 Violations

Possible Consequences: Detention/In-School Suspension/Suspension/Expulsion

Level 4: Major Violations (Minimum of 10 Points Lost)

(Includes but is not limited to the following)

Property Damage/Vandalism Forgery Theft Gang Affiliation Display Arson

Use/Possession/Selling of Tobacco/Alcohol/Drugs/Combustibles/Weapons Causing Physical Injury

Robbery/Extortion Assault/Battery/Threat of a School Employee Bomb Threat/False Alarm

Obscenity/Profanity/Vulgarity Harassed/Threatened/Intimidated a Student Witness

Chronic Misbehavior/Repeated Level 1,2,3 Violations

Possible Consequences: Suspension/Expulsion

SUSPENSION/EXPULSION LEVEL 3 & 4 VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 48900 – 48927

Suspension: “Suspension from school means removal of a pupil from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes.” (EC 48925 (d))

Suspension by Teacher: If other means of correction do not work, a teacher may suspend a student from class for two days. The suspension must be immediately reported to the principal. As soon as possible, the teacher shall ask the parent or guardian of the pupil to attend a parent-teacher conference. (EC 48910)

Suspension by Principal/Designee: The school principal may suspend a student for up to 5 consecutive school days (and no more than 20 school days in a school year). (EC 48911)

Expulsion: “Expulsion means removal of a pupil from (1) the immediate supervision and control, or (2) the general supervision of school personnel,…” (EC 48925 (b))

Expulsion by Administrator: Acts that result in suspension, if deemed serious enough, can result in an expulsion recommendation. There are also some behaviors that will result in an immediate expulsion recommendation. The school board makes the final decision. (EC 48915 - 48926)



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