

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

Grades 7-12

A major component of the educational program at Cory-Rawson is to prepare students to become responsible workers and citizens by learning how to conduct themselves properly and in accordance with established standards.

Each student shall be expected to:

- abide by national, state, and local laws as well as the rules of the school
- respect the civil rights of others
- act courteously to adults and fellow students
- be prompt to school and attentive in class
- work cooperatively with others
- complete assigned tasks on time
- help maintain a school environment that is safe, friendly and productive
- act at all times in a manner that reflects pride in self, family and in school

House Bill 421, which became law on June 4, 1976, brings with it the requirement that a student conduct code be formulated and adopted for each school district in the State of Ohio. The two areas covered in this code are (1) the procedures to be employed in suspensions, expulsion and removals, and (2) the type of conduct that will lead to such disciplinary action.

It is the belief of the Cory-Rawson Local Schools that penalties for misconduct should be shaped to fit the situation or incident. Each discipline situation should be considered on an individual basis. However, we do believe that consistency is important and that the penalty for similar acts of misconduct should, as far as possible, be similar. ***Any student aiding and/or abetting other students in violating any school rules could be disciplined as though the student violated the school rule him/herself.***

An employee of the Board of Education may administer the penalty or punishment for misconduct at the time of infraction. The more serious situations will always be handled by the building Principal with only the extreme problems being referred to the Superintendent. The lines of responsibility as spelled out in the district policy book will be followed. ***The following regulations apply to students at school, on school property, on the school bus, or anywhere a school activity is taking place and regardless of where or when if directed at a district official or employee, or the property of such official or employee.***

The following conduct will be the types of behavior that may result in assignment to a study table, staff detention, administrative detention, Saturday school, alternative school, suspension, expulsion and/or notification of proper law enforcement agencies:

A. Disruption of School

A student shall not, by use of violence, force, coercion, threat, harassment, insubordination, horseplay, or repeated lack of cooperation, cause disruption or obstruction to the educational process, including all curricular and extra-curricular activities. False fire alarms or bomb threats are also prohibited as part of this policy and may result in criminal prosecution. Students are not permitted to bring games (including cards) to school without prior permission from the principal.

B. Damage to School Property

A student shall not cause, incite, or attempt to cause damage to school property, including buildings, grounds, equipment, or materials.

C. Damage to Private Property

A student shall not cause, incite or attempt to cause damage to private property on school premises or at any school activity on or off school grounds.

D. Non-School Time Violations

A student shall not harass, vandalize, physically abuse or be disruptive in any way towards school personnel during non-school time.

E. Assault/Harassment

A student shall not cause mental or physical harm, or behave in such a manner that could threaten

to cause mental or physical harm to school staff members, other students, or other persons, while under the jurisdiction of the school. No student shall engage in any act of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, improper physical contact, or inappropriate sexual remarks. In addition, no student shall engage in any activity that has the effect of being derogatory in nature towards other races, the ethnic background, or the religion of other students, staff, or other persons.

F. Weapons and Instruments of Violence

A student shall not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any object that might be considered a weapon or instrument of violence. This list is not totally inclusive but some examples are: fire cracker, smoke bomb, sharp instrument, gun, knife, brass knuckles, chemicals, gases, and mace. Possession or use of a weapon or instrument of violence may result in expulsion and/or criminal charges on the very first incident. (RC 2923.122)

Federal law requires that any student who brings a firearm on school property is to be expelled from school for a period of one year. A firearm, under Federal law is defined as:

1. Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosive;
2. The frame or revolver of any such weapon;
3. Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer;
4. Any destructive device, not including an antique;
5. Any object that is indistinguishable from a firearm.

G. Use of Tobacco

A student shall not possess, sell, distribute or use tobacco in any form within the school building, on school property, or at school events.

H. Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs of Abuse, Chemical Abuse

1. A student shall not possess, use, transmit, sell, conceal or consume any alcoholic beverage, intoxicant, inhalant, counterfeit controlled substances, or any of the drugs of abuse. This provision shall be applicable to any conduct on school grounds, during and immediately before or after school hours; on school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a group; off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event; on a school bus or conveyance; or at any other time during the same calendar day when the student is or will be subject to the authority of the school. Moreover, a student shall not consume any alcoholic beverages, intoxicants, or drugs of abuse at any time before the student's arrival at school or at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.

Alcoholic beverage includes wine coolers and beverages advertised as alcohol substitutes such as "non-alcoholic" beer. Examples of drugs of abuse include, but are not limited to: narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, generic drugs, amphetamines, steroids, barbiturates, marijuana, glue, cocaine, as well as look-alikes, synthetics, or other substances that could modify behavior.

2. A student shall not possess, use, transmit, sell or conceal any drug-of-abuse instrument or paraphernalia (for example hypodermic needle, syringe, water pipe, roach clip). Students may face criminal charges for violation of drug and alcohol rules. In addition, students may also have their driver's license revoked or be denied having it issued for violating this policy. (RC 3321.13, SHB 204) The student who is taking prescription medicine under a doctor's direction would be an exception. Verification of this must be presented to the principal. Students who show evidence of having consumed drugs of abuse or alcohol or who are in possession of a "mood modifier" and/or drug related paraphernalia will be immediately removed from classes pending further investigation.

I. Theft/Unauthorized Possession

A student shall not take or attempt to take into possession the public property or equipment of the school district or the personal property of another student, teacher, visitor, or employee of the school district.

J. Fighting

A student shall not initiate or participate in any form of physical confrontation on school grounds or off of school grounds at any extra-curricular activity or function. Hitting a school employee, student or other person while in school, on school grounds, or at a school activity is strictly prohibited.

K. Frightening, Degrading, Disrespectful or Disgraceful Acts

A student shall not engage in any form of hate speech, or in any act which frightens, degrades, or tends to frighten, degrade, disrespect, or disgrace teachers, students, or other persons by written or verbal means, or by means of gestures or pictures. Violation could be a serious criminal act and a violation of the conduct code.

L. Insubordination

A student shall not disregard or refuse to obey reasonable directions given by school personnel.

M. School Transportation

Students shall comply with the school bus rules as stated in this handbook.

N. Dress Code

Students shall comply with the dress code policy as stated in this handbook.

O. Forgery/Cheating

It is expected that all students will be honest on all tests, assignments, etc. and no student will engage in the conduct of cheating, or forging passes. Students' work must be their own and any form of forgery is prohibited. Cheating would also result in an automatic "F" for that particular test, paper, or activity. A student shall not forge a parent's, guardian's, staff member's, or other student's name on any correspondence or pass. A student shall not use or create a fraudulent pass or note.

P. Public Displays of Affection

Students shall not commit any inappropriate display of affection and/or bodily contact beyond handholding while on school premises, while in the custody of school personnel, or in the course of any school-related activity.

Q. Repeated Violations of Directions, Policies, Rules, Etc.

A student shall not repeatedly fail to comply with directions, policies, rules, etc. of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teacher's aides, the principal or other authorized school personnel, during any period of time when the student is properly under the authority of such school personnel.

R. Hazing/Bullying

No student shall participate in any acts of hazing or bullying. The anti-hazing and bullying policies for the District are stated in this handbook.

S. Unauthorized Use of Fire

A student shall not use or possess matches, lighters, firecrackers, explosives, or other fire starting devices without proper school authorization.

T. Cellular Telephones and Electronic Communication Devices

A student may possess a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) (e.g., laser pointers and attachments, paging devices/beepers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), and other devices designed to receive and send an electronic signal) in school, on school property, at after school activities and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours and on regular bus routes to and from school the cellular telephone or other ECD remains off. Students may not use cellular telephones or ECDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.

Also, during school activities when directed by the administrator or sponsor, cellular telephones and other ECDs shall be turned off (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight. Any disruption caused electronic devices, or unauthorized use of a cellular phone will result in the device being confiscated. The confiscated item will only be returned to a parent or legal guardian. The use of cellular telephones and other ECDs that contain built-in cameras is prohibited in locker rooms, classrooms and /or bathrooms.

Possession of a cellular telephone or other ECD by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this

privilege.

The school accepts no responsibility for any lost, stolen, or damaged wireless phone.

Consequences for misuse of cell phone policy:

First Offense: Cell Phone confiscated, held for 24 hours, Administrative Detention assigned.

Second Offense: Cell Phone confiscated, held for 24 hours, 2 Administrative Detentions assigned.

Third Offense: Cell phone confiscated, Saturday School assigned, cell phone returned after 24 hours.

Additional Offenses: Student will not be permitted to bring cell phone to school; any violations of this policy will result in a minimum, 3 day out-of-school suspension. A student's cell phone data base will not be searched unless there is reasonable belief by an administrator that it was used in the violation of other school policies. The student and/or parent will be present during the search. Cell phones will not be held over the weekend or a holiday break.

U. Personal Listening, Viewing, or Gaming Devices

Radios, personal CD or MP3 players, Walkmans, TV's, Gameboys, etc., may not be used during school hours. Use of these items during school hours will result in the item(s) being confiscated. The confiscated item(s) will only be returned to a parent or legal guardian. The school accepts no responsibility for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal listening, viewing, or gaming device.