

CODE OF CONDUCT

Grades K-6

The following regulations apply to students while in school, on school grounds, or while on the school bus and/or board owned vehicle. Any student aiding and/or abetting any other student in violating any school rules could be disciplined as though they, themselves, violated the school rule.

The following conduct will be the types of behavior that will result in some type of disciplinary action:

- Disruption of school
- Damage to private property
- Damage to school property
- Insubordination
- Alcoholic beverages, drugs or chemicals of abuse (including "look-alike") drugs
- Theft, unauthorized possession
- Fighting
- Forgery/cheating
- Repeated violations of directions, policies, rules, etc.
- Unauthorized use of fire or flame
- Use of pagers, cellular phones, etc.—Students are discouraged from, but permitted to have wireless phones. Such phones may not be used for any reason (i.e. playing games, text messaging, talking on etc.) during school hours or while participating in extra curricular activities without the permission of the principal or designee. Any disruption caused by this device, or unauthorized use of a wireless phone will result in the device being confiscated. The confiscated item will only be returned to a parent or legal guardian. The school accepts no responsibility for any lost, stolen or damaged wireless phone.
- Weapons and instruments – 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: firecracker, smoke bomb, sharp instrument, gun, knife, chemical, 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. (ORC 2923.122) Federal Law requires that any student who brings a firearm on school property is to be expelled for one year. A firearm under Federal Law is defined as:
 - Any weapon (including a starter gun) which is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by action or explosive.
 - The frame or revolver of any such weapon
 - Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer
 - Any destructive device, not including an antique
- 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/persons while under the jurisdiction of the school. Persistent teasing or offensive communications between students shall be considered harassment. 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.
- Tobacco—at student shall not possess, sell, distribute or use tobacco in any form within the school building, on school property or at school events.
- Bomb threats and other false alarms/reports
- Persistent absence or tardiness
- Hazing is defined as any act, or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person.
- Cyber bullying is defined as the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging, defamatory personal Web sites, and defamatory online personal polling Web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others. Cyber bullying includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - posting slurs or rumors or other disparaging remarks about a student on a website

- sending e-mail or instant messages that are mean or threatening
- using a camera phone to take and send embarrassing photos of students