

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

General Expectations

The board of education recognizes that students do not surrender any rights of citizenship while in attendance at Stillwater Public Schools. The school is a community with rules and regulations. Those who enjoy the rights and privileges it provides must also accept the responsibilities that inclusion demands, including respect for and obedience to school rules.

The district believes that every instance of wrongdoing and conflict is an opportunity for learning. The district supports the concept that discipline for violation of a school policy, rule, or regulation should not detract from the learning experience for the student when possible. **Occasionally, corrective actions are necessary for the benefit of the individual and the school. Teachers and administrators are authorized to maintain order, supervise students, and implement disciplinary measures consistent with District policy and Oklahoma law. Further, it is the policy of the district that students may be disciplined for any misconduct related to the programs or activities of the district. No teacher or administrator will administer formal discipline to his or her own child on behalf of the school except in cases of disruption in the classroom or common areas. Disciplinary matters concerning children of school employees will be handled by the appropriate principal or the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The superintendent's child will be disciplined by someone other than the superintendent.**

Each student shall be treated in a fair and equitable manner. Disciplinary action will be based on a careful assessment of the circumstances surrounding each infraction. The following are some examples of these circumstances:

- The seriousness of the offense;
- The effect of the offense on other students;
- Whether the offense is physically or mentally injurious to other people;
- Whether the incident is isolated or habitual behavior;
- The manifestation of a disability;
- Any other circumstances which may be appropriately considered.

Before the student is removed from school or the classroom for violation of a school policy, rule, or regulation, consideration will be given to alternative methods of punishment to ensure that the most effective discipline is administered in each case. In all disciplinary action, ~~alternative discipline such as loss of privileges, closed campus, loss of computer access, loss of parking privileges, and after-school detention, and Saturday school may be used. However, the use of out-of-school and/or in-school placement options may be used even for a student's first offense or violation.~~ the faculty/administration of the school district will consider those listed below. However, the school is not limited to these alternative methods, nor does this list reflect an order or sequence of events to follow in disciplinary actions. The board of education will rely upon the judgment and discretion of the administrator to determine the appropriate remedial or corrective action in each instance.

1. Conference with student
2. Conference with parents
3. In-school suspension

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4. Detention
5. Referral to counselor
6. Behavioral contract
7. Changing student's seat assignment or class assignment
8. Requiring a student to make financial restitution for damaged property
9. Requiring a student to clean or straighten items or facilities damaged by the student's behavior
10. Restriction of privileges
11. Involvement of local authorities
12. Referring student to appropriate social agency
13. Suspension
14. Other appropriate disciplinary action as required and as indicated by the circumstances which may include, but is not limited to, removal from eligibility to participate or attend extracurricular activities as well as removal from the privilege of attending or participating in the graduation ceremony, school dances, prom, prom activities, and/or class trips.

Corporal punishment may not be administered as a method to correct student behavior or to maintain order and discipline in the school, This prohibition applies **without exception** to all students, including those in DHS custody and those on an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Definitions

"Truancy" – unexcused absence from school and/or absence from class without prior permission

Discipline Code

~~Standards of behavior for all members of society are generally a matter of common sense.~~ Clear standards of conduct serve as foundational expectations to ensure a safe and collaborative environment for everyone.. The following examples identify behavior that is unacceptable in society generally and in a school environment particularly. These examples are not intended to be exhaustive, and the exclusion or omission of a particular unacceptable behavior is not an endorsement or acceptance of such behavior. When in the judgment of a teacher or administrator a student is involved in unacceptable behavior, appropriate remedial or corrective action will be taken

The following behaviors at school, while on in school vehicles, or going to or from, or attending school events will result in disciplinary action, which may include in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension:

1. Arson;
2. Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation by making or transmitting or causing or allowing to be transmitted, any telephonic, computerized, or electronic message; or by broadcasting, publishing, or distributing or causing or allowing to be broadcast, published, or distributed, any message or material;

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3. ~~Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation by broadcasting, publishing, or distributing or causing or allowing to be broadcast, published, or distributed, any message or material;~~
4. Cheating;
5. Conduct that threatens or jeopardizes the safety of others;
6. ~~Cutting class or sleeping,~~ **Eating in class or during instructional activities without permission, sleeping,** or refusing to **participate work in** during class;
7. Disruption of the educational process or operation of the school;
8. Extortion;
9. Failure to attend assigned detention, alternative school, or other disciplinary assignment without approval;
10. ~~Failure to comply with state immunization requirements;~~
11. False reports or false calls;
12. Fighting;
13. Forgery;
14. Gambling;
15. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying;
16. Hazing (initiations) in connection with any school activity;
17. Immorality;
18. Inappropriate attire;
19. Inappropriate behavior or gestures;
20. Inappropriate public behavior;
21. ~~Inappropriate~~ **Unauthorized** use of a wireless telecommunication **personal electronic** device;
22. Indecent exposure;
23. Intimidation or harassment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation, including but not limited to (a) assault and battery; (b) damage, destruction, vandalism, or defacing any real or personal property; or (c) threatening, by word or act, the acts identified in (a) or (b); this includes antisemitism, which is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.
24. Obscene language, **vulgarity, or profanity;**
25. Physical or verbal abuse;
26. Plagiarism;
27. Possession of a caustic substance;
28. Possession or distribution of obscene materials;
29. Possession, threat, or use of a dangerous weapon and related instrumentalities (i.e., bullets, shells, gunpowder, pellets, etc.);
30. Possession, use, distribution, sale, conspiracy to sell or possess, or being in the chain of sale or distribution, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, low-point beer (as defined by ~~Oklahoma law, i.e., 3-2 beer~~ **Section 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes**). and/or controlled substances;
31. Possession of illegal and/or drug related paraphernalia;
32. ~~Profanity;~~
33. Sexual or other harassment of individuals including, but not limited to, students, school employees, volunteers;

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- 34. Theft/stealing;
- 35. Threatening behavior (whether involving written, verbal, or physical actions);
- 36. Truancy/unexcused tardiness;
- 37. Use or possession of tobacco or nicotine in any form;
- 38. Use or possession of missing or stolen property if property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school;
- 39. Using racial, religious, ethnic, sexual, gender, or disability-related epithets;
- 40. Vandalism;
- 41. Violation of the board of education policies, rules, or regulations or violation of school rules and regulations;
- 42. Vulgarities;
- 43. Willful damage to school property;
- 44. Willful disobedience of a directive of any school official;

~~In addition, conduct occurring outside of the normal school day or off school property that has a direct negative effect on the discipline or educational process or effectiveness of the school may also result in disciplinary action, which may include in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension.~~

Parents, guardians, and students residing within or attending schools as transfers in this school district are also advised by means of this policy statement and by the student handbook that students in this district shall have no reasonable expectation of privacy rights towards school officials, in school lockers, desks, or other school property. School personnel shall have access to school lockers, desks, and other school property at any time and no reason shall be necessary for such search. Student property may be searched with reasonable suspicion.

REFERENCE: 10 O.S. §7115
70 O.S. §6-114
70 O.S. §24-101.3

CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy FOD, Suspension and Other Discipline of Students
Policy FNF, Search of Students
Policy FNG, Personal Electronic Devices

THIS POLICY REQUIRED BY LAW.