Student Conduct

While in school, on district property, transportation or premises provided by contractors or agents of the school district, and during school-sponsored activities, students shall respect the rights of others and comply with district, school and staff rules. The district may implement discipline if the student does not follow expectations. Students are also responsible for observing the laws of the United States, the state of Washington and its municipalities. Students who engage in criminal acts while in school, on district property, transportation or premises provided by contractors or agents of the school district, during school-sponsored activities, or while off-school property and the acts have a detrimental effect upon the maintenance and operation of the schools or the district, are subject to disciplinary action by school officials and prosecution under the law.

A student who engages in a behavioral violation may be subject to discipline or other forms of discipline as defined in Regulation 3241R. Behavioral violations include, but are not limited to:

**Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism** – Representing another’s language, ideas or thoughts as a student’s own work or using unfair means to gain an advantage in coursework or other school activities.

**Alcohol/drugs** – Possessing, using, selling, distributing or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, controlled substances, hallucinogens or items that are purported to be unlawful drugs or controlled substances as defined in RCW 66.44.270 or RCW 69.50.

**Arson** – Intentionally attempting to or setting a fire or causing an explosion.

**Assault** – Creating a reasonable apprehension of or making harmful or offensive contact with another including offenses defined in RCW 9A.36.

**Attendance** – Being absent from, or tardy to school/class without an approved excuse.

**Cellular telephones/Smart phones or other electronics** – Possessing or using a cellular telephone/smart phone or other electronic device causing a disruption to the educational process.

**Bomb threat** – Unwarranted verbal or written indication of a bomb or other incendiary device on school property.

**Burglary** – Entering or remaining unlawfully in a building with intent to commit a crime.

**Closed campus** – Leaving school grounds during the hours of the school day without approved excuse/authorization.

**Willfully disobeying school administrators** – Failing to obey the lawful instructions of school district personnel or failing to obey district, school or classroom rules.
**Discriminatory Harassment** – Conduct or communication that is intended to be harmful, humiliating, or physically threatening and shows hostility toward a person(s) based on real or perceived sex, race, creed, religion, color, national orientation, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran or military status, disability or use of a trained dog guide or service animal.

**Disruptive conduct** – Causing substantial or material disruption or obstruction of any school function or operation, including, but not limited to, refusing to comply with a staff person’s directive, using vulgar or profane language, or engaging in verbal or physical harassment.

**Dress and appearance** – Wearing clothing, jewelry or items which may cause safety or health problems or which pose a threat of disruption. This includes: items with hate speech, hate group association, threats, pornographic content, or promotion of illegal or violent conduct (weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia) or do not cover private areas.

**Dress code/uniforms** – Failing to abide by dress code or uniform requirements at the student’s school.

**Extortion/blackmail/coercion** – Attempting to obtain money, services or property by threat of injury to a person or property.

**False alarm** – Activating a fire alarm for other than the intended purpose of the alarm.

**False allegations** – Reporting a false incident or falsely corroborating misbehavior of others that did not occur.

**Fighting** – Mutually-combative physical behavior.

**Firearms** – Under RCW 28A.600.420 a violation of the prohibition against firearms on school premises, transportation or facilities including displaying an instrument that appears to be a firearm will result in exclusionary discipline.

**Fireworks/incendiary devices** – Possessing, using or distributing firecrackers, fireworks, bullets or other forms of ammunition.

**Forgery** – signing a person’s name without that person’s permission or falsely representing one’s identity verbally, in writing or electronically.

**Gambling** – Playing games of chance for money or other items of value during school time.

**Identification** – Failing to identify self to school authorities upon request.
Illegal behavior – As defined in RCW 13.04.155 including violent offenses (RCW 9.94A.030(55)), serious violent offenses (RCW 9.94A.030(46)), kidnapping and trafficking.

Improper use of district equipment – Using district resources and/or equipment (including, but not limited to computers and Internet access) for non-district purposes.

Inhaling toxic fumes – Intentionally inhaling or smelling or possessing as defined by RCW 9.47A.

Interference with school authorities – Interfering with the discharge of the official duties of district or contractors’ personnel or volunteers by force or violence.

Intimidation/threat – Interfering with the discharge of the duties of district personnel or employees of district contractors or the peaceful conduct of other students by intimidation with threat or force or violence.

Harassment – Intentionally intimidating, annoying or bothering another person.

Loitering – Failing to leave the school campus at the official close of the school day, absent permission to remain on campus for a specific activity, or the unauthorized presence in a campus location.

Malicious mischief – Intentionally causing damage to any property or defacing school property (RCW 28A.645.060).

Misrepresentation – The forging of any signature or the making of any false entry or the alteration of any document, including computer records, used or intended to be used in connection with the operation of the school district or cheating, plagiarizing or turning in another person’s work.

Obscenity/profanity – using language or engaging in conduct intended to appeal predominantly to a prurient interest in sexual conduct, that depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way and that lack literary, artistic, political or scientific value and/or using language or behavior that is crude, vulgar or grossly offensive.

Possession of stolen property – Knowingly receiving, retaining, possessing, concealing or disposing of stolen property.

Personal protection spray device – Possessing a personal protection spray device if under 14 years of age; possessing a personal protection spray device without written parental permission if 14 to 18 years of age; transmitting a personal protection spray device if under 18 years of age; using a personal protection spray device for other than in self-defense as defined by state law; or possessing, transmitting or using a personal protection spray device under any other circumstances.
Public display of affection – Inappropriate physical contact including but not limited to intimate touching, kissing or sexual behavior.

Robbery – Taking another’s property by force or threat of force.

Sex offenses – sexual behavior or misconduct including but not limited to those defined by RCW 9.94A.030(47)

Technology misuse – Inappropriate use of technology, personal or district owned. Devises used in violation of Regulation 6973R may be confiscated.

Theft – Stealing.

Tobacco – Possessing tobacco products including vapor.

Threatening Behavior – Any involvement (supporting, promoting, encouraging, recording, participating, controlling) in an threatening act (physically and/or verbally).

Trespass – Entering or remaining unlawfully in school buildings or on any part of school grounds including refusing to leave public property, RCW 28A.635.020(2).

Weapons/explosives – Possessing a weapon, explosive or other item apparently capable of causing bodily harm.

Behavior violations may also include violation of other laws, district policies, rules or regulations.

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