

**WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

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**STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

The right of students to attend public school is guaranteed by law. Along with this right is the responsibility to conform to reasonable rules designed to protect the safety of others and the orderly educational process. Repeated minor violations or a single serious violation of school rules may result in a range of consequences including detention, suspension, or expulsion from school. Students are subject to disciplinary action for conduct while traveling to and from school and while off campus during regular school hours, whenever such conduct has a direct effect on the general welfare of the school and its students and adults.

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District believes that the best discipline solutions present students with meaningful learning experiences. Although consequences for violating school rules may result in significant hardships to students, the administration will work diligently with students and their families to develop student discipline outcomes that help students learn alternative ways to deal successfully with school rules.

In all disciplinary cases, students will have due process rights, which will at minimum guarantee them a right to hear the charges, the specific rule violation, and an opportunity to state his/her response. For cases of expulsion, the due process rights are fully explained in the district's expulsion policy. A copy of the expulsion policy will be given to students for whom a recommendation for expulsion is a possibility.

Student violations of law may be reported to appropriate legal authorities.

The District will comply with all laws appropriate to discipline procedures involving students receiving special education support through Individual Education Plans (I.E.P.'s).

This policy will be enforced fairly and consistently without regard to age, sex, race, religion, color, national origin and disability.

**DEFINITIONS FOR ACTIONS BY SCHOOL**

- **Conference:**  
A meeting that involves the school administration and student. Parents may be asked to participate in conferences.
- **Suspension:**  
Students are removed from the school and school-sponsored activities. Suspensions may extend up to ten schooldays. Suspensions may occur as in-school suspensions. Students serve in-school suspensions at the school in a place designated by the school administration. Suspensions may also occur as detentions. During detentions students are removed from the classroom or school-sponsored activities during lunchtime, recess or after school. Parents will always be notified of student suspensions. Suspensions are administered in consideration of what is age appropriate discipline.

- **Expulsion:**  
The Board or its designee may take action to declare a student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities to be terminated for the duration of an expulsion. Parents will always be notified of student expulsions. Expulsions may extend from a quarter to a full year. The Board or its designee shall not expel a student without a hearing unless the student, or the student's parents/guardians, waive in writing the right of a hearing. Students eighteen (18) years of age assume the right to request or waive such a hearing. If the designee conducts the expulsion hearing, the parents/guardian or qualifying student may appeal the decision to the School Board. Expulsions for possession of weapons will result in a mandatory one year expulsion per federal law, state law and district policy.

The following definitions explain the major categories of student discipline.

**PROBLEM AREA I: STUDENT CONDUCT**

**ASSAULT**

Assault occurs when students intentionally inflict physical harm.

**AUTOMOBILE MISUSE**

Unauthorized or inappropriate use of vehicles.

**BUS MISCONDUCT**

Violations of any student discipline rules and/or bus safety regulations.

**DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY**

Refusal to follow the reasonable requests of school personnel.

**FIGHTING**

Fighting occurs when students have physical contact that may cause harm.

**FORGERY**

Writing false or misleading information to school officials. Since these problems also violate state law, school officials may need to notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**HARASSMENT/MENACING**

Menacing occurs when students participate in either verbal or physical intimidation.

**INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

Inappropriate behavior occurs when students engage in language or behavior that interrupts the educational work of the school.

**LYING & CHEATING**

Stating false or misleading information to school personnel constitutes lying. Cheating is the violation of any rules regarding testing, assessment or evaluation.

**WEAPONS**

Weapons are defined as described in District Policy JFCJ and ORS 166-360 to 166-380.

Problem Area I:		ACTION TO BE TAKEN	
STUDENT CONDUCT	Occurrence	Minimum	Maximum
ASSAULT	First	Suspension	Expulsion
	Repeated	Suspension	Expulsion
AUTOMOBILE MISUSE	First	Informal talk/Work duty	Permanent loss of parking privilege
	Repeated	Parent Involvement	Permanent loss of parking privilege
BUS MISCONDUCT	First	Conference	Loss of bus riding

	Repeated	Suspension from bus	privilege Loss of bus riding privilege
DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY	First Repeated	Conference Suspension	Suspension Expulsion
FIGHTING	First Repeated	Conference Suspension	Suspension Expulsion
FORGERY	First Repeated	Conference Suspension	Suspension Expulsion
HARASSMENT/MENACING	First Repeated	Conference Suspension	Suspension Expulsion
INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR	First Repeated	Conference Suspension	Suspension Expulsion
LYING & CHEATING	First Repeated	Conference Suspension	Suspension Expulsion
WEAPONS	First Repeated	Expulsion Expulsion	Expulsion Expulsion

## **PROBLEM AREA II: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

### **ALCOHOL/DRUGS**

The use, possession, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

### **TOBACCO**

The use, possession or sale of tobacco in any form on school property.

Problem Area II:	ACTION TO BE TAKEN		
	Occurrence	Minimum	Maximum
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES			
ALCOHOL/DRUGS	First Repeated	Suspension Suspension	Expulsion Expulsion
TOBACCO	First Repeated	Conference Suspension	Suspension Expulsion

## **PROBLEM AREA III: PROTECTION OF PROPERTY**

### **ARSON**

Use of fire to destroy or attempt to destroy property; activating a false fire alarm.

### **THEFT**

Taking, giving, or receiving property belonging to another individual.

### **VANDALISM**

Intentional destruction of objects or materials belonging to the school, school officials, or other persons.

Problem Area III:	ACTION TO BE TAKEN		
PROTECTION OF PROPERTY	Occurrence	Minimum	Maximum
ARSON	First	Suspension	Expulsion
	Repeated	Suspension	Expulsion
THEFT	First	Conference	Suspension
	Repeated	Suspension	Expulsion
VANDALISM	First	Conference	Suspension
	Repeated	Suspension	Expulsion

**PROBLEM AREA IV: ATTENDANCE  
TARDINESS**

Arriving late to class or school.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCE**

Any absence which has not been excused by parent or legal guardian and appropriate school official is a violation of state law.

PROBLEM AREA IV:	ACTION TO BE TAKEN		
ATTENDANCE	Occurrence	Minimum	Maximum
TARDINESS	First	Handled by the individual teacher	Conference
	Repeated	Handled by the individual teacher	Suspension
UNEXCUSED ABSENCES/ TRUANCY	First	Conference	Suspension
	Repeated	Conference	Suspension

END OF POLICY