

Policy: Discipline and Required Student Behavior
File Code: JG

The Chittenden Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) School Board believes that students should be expected to maintain standards of behavior which are considered appropriate for young people. As representatives of the school, students are expected to assume the responsibilities for appropriate conduct while at school related functions. Let courtesy, consideration and respect for people and property be the distinctive mark of all student while in school and at school-related functions, regardless of location. High standards in relationships with one another, with school staff, and members of the public are essential. It is each student's responsibility to read and be familiar with school rules and policies which are included or referenced in the student handbook or which are other wise adopted by the CCSU school board from time to time. Given these expectations, this discipline policy will attempt to alert students and parents to the range of offenses and their consequences. Clearly, this list of offenses will not be all inclusive nor can the precise consequence for most offenses be predicted. While the CCSU school board believes that every offense should elicit an appropriate consequence, it also recognizes the need for discretion and sensitivity in regard to the unique circumstances of each case. What follows are, for the most part, guidelines and benchmarks. We urge the administration to use its discretion and judgment, where such flexibility is permitted, in the application of consequences. Regardless of the offense or resulting consequence, however, we expect the administration to recognize that consequences should be applied in conjunction with other penalties, treatment and procedures described in, for example, the district's drug and alcohol policy (JFCHI), athletic training, rules, or other predetermined rules of conduct.

Expectations

1. There shall be no possession, use or sale of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages on school grounds or at school functions, regardless of their location.

2. Students are not permitted to carry or possess (openly or concealed) a dangerous weapon on school grounds. Weapons

may include revolver, knife, rifle and any object which could be used to inflict injury.

3. Students shall not attend school or school-related functions while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. There shall be no fighting or assaulting behavior of any type on school premises or at any school function regardless of location.
5. There shall be no lying, stealing, trespassing, deliberate destruction of property, or use of fraud in any school-related activity. This section is intended to include willful creation of any safety hazard or mischievous activation of a fire alarm.
6. There shall be no academic dishonesty such as cheating, willful plagiarism or misrepresentation in any way of one's own work. For purposes of this section, plagiarism shall be defined as the presentation of another's work--the ideas, arguments, facts, or phraseology--as one's own. Unacknowledged quotation of another's sentences, phrases, or key words is plagiarism. Unacknowledged paraphrasing of someone else's ideas or arguments is plagiarism.
7. Students are expected to be courteous and respectful to staff, faculty, and one another. Threats of any sort, profanity, and harassment or sexual harassment are strictly prohibited.
8. Students are expected to obey school rules contained in the student handbook or otherwise made known from time to time.

Results of Violation these Expectations

The range of consequences for violation of this policy includes administrative restriction (e.g., assignment to the PACS classroom at EHS or to a "time out" room or area in an elementary school), detention, disciplinary warning, probation, suspension from school, exclusive from participation in extracurricular activities, expulsion, permanent removal from class without the opportunity for substitution, and/or police intervention as deemed appropriate by school officials. Definition of those sanctions as well as procedures for suspension and expulsion are contained elsewhere in this policy

manual.¹ It is the responsibility of every student and staff member to be familiar with these school board policies. Students incurring discipline under this policy will have their parents or guardians so notified.

Consequences for Drug, Alcohol, and Weapons

Students who violate the drug, alcohol, and weapons expectations, described in this policy (Nos. 1-3) shall be excluded for three months from participation in all co- and extracurricular activities. In addition, the administration will notify the police of these offenses. The three month exclusion will be consecutive months while school is in session and will not include the summer vacation. It may begin at the end of one school year (May or June) and be completed at the beginning of the next school year (September or October). For purposes of this policy co- and extracurricular activities include participation on sports teams, clubs, drama productions, attendance at athletic contests, dances, graduation exercises and those school-sponsored organizations, activities and events not directly related to the academic an/or testing programs.

First-time offenders of these violations may reduce the length of their extracurricular exclusion to a minimum of one month. This reduction can be accomplished if the student agrees to undergo a chemical/behavioral assessment and cooperatively comply with and recommendations resulting from that assessment. Referral to an appropriate assessment agency and subsequent follow-up will be coordinated through the school principal's office in conjunction with guidance and/or wellness program personnel. A student may elect to pursue this option anytime during the three month exclusion. Repeat offenders of these violations may not reduce the length of the extracurricular exclusion through this option. However, they are encouraged to pursue either a chemical or behavioral assessment which school personnel will coordinate for them. Any and all costs for assessment and treatment will be borne by the student.

Consequences for Violating the Other Expectations

¹ Specifically, policy JGF cites other sanctions instead of suspension or expulsion; policies JGE and JGD (see also JGD-R) defines and describes, respectively, the expulsion of a student and the suspension of a student.

Consequences for violating the other expectations described in this policy (Nos. 4-8) shall be determined at the discretion of school officials and may include, but not be limited to, this policy's range of consequences section as described above.

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