

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Holdenville Board of Education believes that the school's primary goal is to educate, not discipline. However education includes establishing norms of social behavior and assisting students in understanding and attaining those norms. Occasionally, corrective actions are necessary for the benefit of the individual and the school. The teacher in the public school has the same rights as a parent or guardian to control and discipline a child while the child is in attendance, in transit to or from the school, or participating in any authorized school function. Further, it is the policy of the district that students may be disciplined for any misconduct related to 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.

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.

Standards of behavior for all members of society are generally a matter of common sense. The following examples of behavior are not acceptable in society generally, and in a school environment particularly. The involvement of a student in the kind of behavior listed below will generally require remedial or corrective action. These examples are not intended to be exhaustive and the exclusion or omission of unacceptable behavior is not an endorsement or

acceptance of such behavior. When, in the judgment of a teacher or administrator, a student is involved or has been involved in unacceptable behavior, appropriate remedial or corrective action will be taken.

01. Violations of district or school policy, rules or regulations
02. Truancy, cutting class, unexcused absence from school or class, unexcused tardiness to school or class
03. Leaving school without permission
04. Exhibiting defiance of school personnel
05. Refusing remedial or corrective action
06. Possession/use of tobacco
07. Possessing, distributing or using alcoholic or intoxicating beverages, including low-point beer, any controlled dangerous substance or other mood-altering chemicals, including any illegal or illicit drugs or medicines.
08. Stealing, forgery, fraud, or embezzlement
09. Fighting, physical and/or verbal assault
10. Possession of weapons or other items which can be used for assault, injury or threatening another person
11. Sexual Harassment, Hazing, Physical or Verbal Harassment or Bullying
12. Racial discrimination including racial slurs or other demeaning remarks or symbols concerning another person's race, ancestry, or country of origin and directed toward another person
13. Any act which disrupts the academic atmosphere of the school, endangers or threatens fellow students, teachers or officials or damages property
14. Possessing, distributing or viewing obscene literature, pictures or materials
15. Destroying/defacing school property
16. Gang related activity
17. Acts of immorality
18. Possession of missing or stolen property at school or school activities
19. Adjudication as a delinquent for a violent or non-violent offense

20. Threatening behavior, harassment, intimidation and bullying by electronic communication, whether or not it originated at school
21. Any conduct occurring off school property and not involving a school activity, which, in the opinion of the school administrators, has an adverse impact upon the school, including but not limited to that which
 - a. Involves school property, e.g. a school bus;
 - b. Involves other students, teachers or other school personnel
 - c. Directly impedes or affects discipline at school or the general welfare or school activities

In considering alternative corrective actions, 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.

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

Parents, guardians, and students enrolled in this school district shall be notified at the beginning of each school year that this policy is in effect. A copy of this policy will be made available upon request to parents or guardians at any time during the school year.

Parents, guardians, and students residing 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 toward school officials, in school lockers, desks, or other school property. School personnel shall have access to school lockers, desk, and other school property at any time and no reason shall be necessary for such search. Student property may be searched with reasonable suspicion.

Teachers, parents, guardians, and students are invited and encouraged to participate in the formulation of disciplinary policies, rules and regulations by suggesting to administrator appropriate means of discipline for specific infractions.

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

THIS POLICY IS REQUIRED BY LAW

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