

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Ontario Board of Education recognizes that there should be maintained at all times an atmosphere of mutual respect between students and teachers.

The teacher and administrator shall be the personnel in authority to maintain the decorum of the classroom, buildings and grounds, and at all school-related activities.

All employees of the District shall share responsibility for supervising the behavior of students and for seeing that they meet the standards of conduct that have been or hereafter shall be established by the Board of Education.

The Ontario Board of Education supports teachers and administrators to the fullest in their efforts to maintain proper decorum among students.

VIOLATION CLASS A: Students behaving in an inappropriate manner described below may be given a Friday School or a one to five day out-of-school suspension.

1. Insubordination: the willful failure to respond to or carry out a request by authorized personnel.
2. Fighting or instigating a fight.
3. Forgery/false statements: falsely using, whether orally or in writing, the name of another person in falsifying times, dates, grades, or other data.
4. Truancy: skipping school or class.
5. Minor destruction of school property (student will pay for damage).
6. Leaving school grounds without permission.
7. Being in the parking lot without permission.
8. Hazing-Bullying-Harassment: attempting to embarrass by ridicule, threats or to chronically trouble or annoy another student. (Ontario Local Schools Board Policy 5516, 5517, 5517.01) (see Stay Safe/Speak Up section of this handbook)
9. The use of obscene or profane language, symbols or gestures.
10. Being in unauthorized areas at unauthorized times (out of assigned area). High School students are not permitted in the Middle School without prior permission.
11. Locker violations.
12. Selling items not approved by the administration.
13. No student can possess on person or purse matches, lighters, lighting materials, etc.
14. Disruption or interference with curricular or extra-curricular activities.
15. Inappropriate displays of affection (*Public Display of Affection–PDA*, i.e. close contact, hugging, kissing, etc.)
16. Sexting: The talking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing of obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or pictures, whether by electronic transfer or otherwise (commonly called sexting) is prohibited. Any person taking, disseminating, or sharing lewd or otherwise illegal images or pictures may be punished under the Ontario Student Code of Conduct. The violation of this code may also be reported to the law enforcement and/or other appropriate state or federal agencies.
17. Any action judged by school officials to involve misconduct and not specifically mentioned in other sections may be dealt with as insubordination as determined by the school administration.

VIOLATION CLASS B: Students behaving in an inappropriate manner described below may be given a Friday School, three to ten day out-of-school suspension or be recommended for expulsion

1. Use, possession or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, look-a-like drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
2. Tobacco/E-Cigarette: no student can possess tobacco in any form on his/her person or in a purse and shall not use tobacco in any form on school property.
3. Disrespect: speaking to any member of the school staff in a discourteous, disrespectful or insulting manner. This includes the use of profanity.
4. Stealing: possession of or attempting to steal property either on school grounds or during school activities.
5. Initiating false fire alarm or 911 call by deliberately setting an alarm, calling 911, tampering with the AED unit, or reporting a false alarm to a staff member.
6. Setting off or attempting to set off fireworks or other explosive devices on school property.
7. Extortion: obtaining something from someone through force or threat.
8. Hazing-Bullying-Harassment: attempting to embarrass by ridicule, threats or to chronically trouble or annoy another student. (Ontario Local Schools Board Policy 5516, 5517, 5517.01) (see Stay Safe/Speak Up section of this handbook)
9. Repeated Class A violations.

VIOLATION CLASS C: Students behaving in an inappropriate manner described below may be suspended out-of-school for ten days and be recommended for expulsion. Further, the district may recommend permanent expulsion to the State Superintendent in accordance with Ohio law.

1. Selling, attempting to sell, purchasing or furnishing illegal drugs, look-a-like drugs or alcohol.
2. Provoking, assaulting, harassing, threatening or striking a school employee.
3. Creating a bomb scare or causing other severe emergency evacuation of the building or inducing any other type of public panic.
4. Possession of firearms or other illegal/dangerous weapons, knives, including tasers, lasers, stun-guns, pepper spray, and mace.
5. Destruction of school property in a willful and extensive manner.
6. Attempt to do deliberate and/or severe bodily harm to another person.
7. Assault, sexual assault and sexual harassment.
8. Attempting to acquire, produce, reproduce and/or distribute material that could induce panic, such as directions on how to make a bomb.
9. Unlawful entry onto school property.
10. Repeated B violations.