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STUDENTS
Conduct and Discipline
CONDUCT

PURPOSE: To establish standards of conduct for students in the District.

The Board believes that all students have the right to be educated in a safe and positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program at all times, including but not limited to, while on school grounds, going to or coming from school, at school activities, or using District transportation, as provided by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with Board policies and administrative regulations. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of District and school rules related to conduct.

Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, possession of a firearm or other weapon, and terrorist threats.
- 2. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students or staff, including sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, cyberbullying, hazing or initiation activity, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause violence, bodily harm, or substantial disruption to the school program.
- 3. Conduct that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment.
- 4. Willful defiance of staff's authority.
- 5. Damage to or theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the District.
- 6. Obscene acts or use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language.
- 7. Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited substances.
- 8. Possession or use of a laser pointer, unless for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose with prior permission of the principal or designee. (Penal Code 417.27)
- 9. Unauthorized use of a cell phone, smart watch, pager, or other mobile communication device during instructional time or use in an unauthorized manner at any time in violation of District policy.

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- 10. Plagiarism or dishonesty on school work or tests.
- 11. Wearing of any attire that violates District or school dress codes, including gang-related apparel.
- 12. Tardiness or unexcused absence from school.
- 13. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules.

Employees are expected to enforce standards of conduct and, when they observe or receive a report of a violation of these standards, to appropriately intervene or seek assistance. As necessary, the employee shall refer the matter to a supervisor or the principal or designee.

When a school employee suspects that a search of a student or a student's belongings will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation No. 5145.12 –Student Search and Seizure.

When a student uses any prohibited device, or uses a permitted device in an unauthorized manner, a District employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

Students who violate District or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, referral to a student success team or counseling services, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

Students also may be subject to discipline, in accordance with law, board policy, or administrative regulation, for any off-campus conduct during non-school hours which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or District property, or substantially disrupts school activities.

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EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

32280-32289 Comprehensive safety plan

35181 Governing board authority to set policy on responsibilities of students

35291-35291.5 Rules

44807 Duty concerning conduct of students

48900-48925 Suspension and expulsion

51512 Prohibition against electronic listening or recording device in classroom without permission

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CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor

PENAL CODE

288.2 Harmful matter with intent to seduce

313 Harmful matter

417.25-417.27 Laser scope or laser pointer

647 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor

653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

VEHICLE CODE

23123-23124 Prohibitions against use of electronic devices while driving

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

300-307 Duties of students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

20 USC 1681-1688 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

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