

Three Rivers Local School District
Student Code of Conduct

TYPES OF CONDUCT PROHIBITED BY THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

Any student engaging in the following types of conduct either specifically or generally like the kinds of conduct listed below is subject to expulsion, suspension, emergency suspension, removal or permanent exclusion pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code. This Code of Conduct applies while a student is in the custody or control of the school, on school grounds or closely proximate thereto, while at a school-sponsored function or activity or on school-owned or provided transportation vehicles. In addition, the Code of Conduct governs student activities at all times, on or off school property, when such student conduct is reasonably related to the health, safety and welfare of other students and/or school employees or such conduct would unreasonably interrupt the educational processes of the Three Rivers Local School District.

The district's jurisdiction includes misconduct by a pupil that occurs off property owned or controlled by the District but that is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by the District and misconduct by a pupil that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a District official or employee, or the property of such official or employee.

The types of conduct prohibited by this Code of Conduct are as follows:

- Rule # 1 Damage or destruction of school property, property of school employees, or property of other students, on or off school premises.
- Rule # 2 Damage or destruction of private property on school premises or in areas controlled by the school.
- Rule # 3 Assault or threat of assault on a school employee, student or other person.
(Physical, written or virtual).
- Rule # 4 Harassment of school personnel or other students during school and/or non-school hours.
(Physical, written, or virtual).
- Rule # 5 Fighting.
- Rule # 6 Hazing (to persecute, harass or humiliate another student and/or employee), taunting or ridiculing.
(Physical, written, or virtual).
- Rule # 7 Chronic misbehavior which disrupts or interferes with any school activity.
- Rule # 8 Disregards of reasonable directions, rules or commands by school authorities including administrators and teachers.
- Rule # 9 Abuse of another. No student shall use or direct to, or about a school employee, or student, words, phrases, or actions which are considered to be slanderous or degrading in nature, words or phrases which could be considered threatening, menacing or indicate an intent to cause harm to person or property, and/or words or phrases which are obscene or profane as defined by the majority of our society. Name calling and negative, uncomplimentary and offensive remarks related to physical handicaps or defects, mental handicaps, race, religion, nationality, appearance or other reason is prohibited.
- Rule # 10 Disrespect to a teacher or other school authority.
- Rule # 11 Refusing to take detention or other properly administered discipline.
- Rule # 12 Skipping detention.
- Rule # 13 Falsifying information given to school authorities in the legitimate pursuit of their jobs.
- Rule # 14 Forgery or altering of school-related documents.

- Rule # 15 Cheating, plagiarizing, or stealing.
- Rule # 16 Gambling.
- Rule # 17 Extortion of a student or school personnel.
- Rule # 18 Theft or possession of stolen goods.
- Rule # 19 Arson or other improper use of fire.
- Rule # 20 Possession of matches or lighters or other similar devices.
- Rule # 21 Possession or use of dangerous weapons or ordnance or objects which look like weapons or ordnance, including, but not limited to guns, firearms, ammunition, knives, grenades, sling shots, bows, arrows, machetes, brass knuckles, chains, studs, etc.; or possession or use of objects which may render physical harm to another if improperly used, including, but not limited to, axes, hatchets, hammers, saws, ice picks, screwdrivers, knives, etc.
- Rule # 22 Buying, selling, transferring, using or possession of any substance containing tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, a clove cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff, and dip, or using tobacco in any other form.
- Rule # 23 Buying, selling, using, possessing or being under the influence of any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana, etc.) or inhalants, or buying, selling, using, possessing or being under the influence of any counterfeit controlled substance (any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that is believed to be a controlled substance).
- Rule # 24 Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any drug, medication, inhalant or other controlled substance which can be taken internally where the students involved cannot show a legitimate health or other reason for the use of such substances.

Clarification of student medication procedures:

1. No student is to furnish medication of any kind to another student.
2. No student is to accept medication of any kind from another student.
3. Chronic condition students and handicapped students requiring medication are covered by Policy 7001.
4. With the exception of approved asthma inhalers, students shall not administer any drug to themselves. They shall bring the original container to the office at the beginning of the school day. This applies to both prescription and over-the-counter drugs.
5. Parental permission is required before office personnel will allow students to take these medications.
6. Detailed building procedures shall be as approved by the principal.
7. A student may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms if the prescribed conditions are satisfied (see Policy 7001).

- Rule # 25 Buying, selling, transferring, using, or possessing any drug or alcoholic paraphernalia to include instruments, objects, papers, pipes, containers, etc.
- Rule # 26 Possession of electronic communication devices and/or electronic laser pointing device or electronic light emitting device without expressed written permission of administration. Students shall not be permitted to possess beepers, pagers, cellular telephones or any other related electronic communication devices.
- Rule # 27 Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.
- Rule # 28 Cursing.
- Rule # 29 Use of indecent or obscene language in oral or written form; indecent or obscene gestures.
- Rule # 30 Publication of obscene, pornographic or libelous material.

- Rule # 31 Placing of signs and slogans on school property without the permission of the proper school authorities.
- Rule # 32 Distributions on school premises of pamphlets, leaflets, buttons, insignia, etc., without the permission of the proper school authorities.
- Rule # 33 Demonstrations by individuals or groups causing disruption to the school program.
- Rule # 34 Truancy.
- Rule # 35 Tardiness.
- Rule # 36 Leaving school premises during school hours without permission of the proper school authority.
- Rule # 37 Upon initial arrival, leaving school property without permission.
- Rule # 38 Presence in areas during school hours or outside school hours where a student has no legitimate business without permission of the proper school authority.
- Rule # 39 Failure to abide by reasonable dress and appearance codes set forth in student handbooks or established by administration of the Board of Education. This includes the prohibition of all clothing, jewelry, signs, etc. which at the discretion of the Administration is reasonably related to or represents gang or gang like activity.
- Rule # 40 Improper or suggestive dress.
- Rule # 41 Indecent exposure.
- Rule # 42 Engaging in sexual acts, displaying excessive affection or other inappropriate behavior with a person of the same or opposite sex.
- Rule # 43 Turning in false fire, tornado, bomb or disaster alarms.
- Rule # 44 Presence on school property with a communicable disease.
- Rule # 45 Failure to abide by rules and regulations set forth by administration for student parking.
- Rule # 46 Disobedience of driving regulations while on school premises.
- Rule # 47 Convey, attempt to convey or knowingly possess a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance onto any property owned or controlled by or to any activity held under the auspices of the Board of Education.
- Rule # 48 Sell, offer to sell, or possess a controlled substance on school premises or at a school-related function (trafficking in drugs).
- Rule # 49 Carrying concealed weapons.
- Rule # 50 Aggravated murder.
- Rule # 51 Murder.
- Rule # 52 Voluntary manslaughter.
- Rule # 53 Involuntary manslaughter.
- Rule # 54 Felonious assault.
- Rule # 55 Aggravated assault.
- Rule # 56 Rape.
- Rule # 57 Gross sexual imposition.

- Rule # 58 Felonious sexual penetration.
- Rule # 59 Any disruption or interference with school activities.
- Rule # 60 Willfully aiding another person to violate school regulations.
- Rule # 61 Any type of prohibited activity listed herein taking place on a school bus shall be reason for expulsion, suspension or removal.
- Rule # 62 Commissions by a pupil of any crime in violation of the Ohio Criminal Code, Ohio Traffic Code or the Ohio Juvenile Code.
- Rule # 63 Failing to report the actions or plans of another person to a teacher or administrator where these actions or plans of another person, if carried out, could result in harm to another person or persons or damage property, when the student has information about such actions or plans.
- Rule # 64 Any other activity which pupil knows or should know will disrupt the academic process or a curricular or extra-curricular activity either on the school premises or on premises where a school-related activity is taking place.

PROCEDURES, CORRECTIVE MEASURES AND PENALTIES

Teaching personnel are responsible for successfully managing student behavior and are expected to make every effort to correct and handle discipline problems that occur within their range of responsibilities. In addition, teachers are expected to employ sound preventive measures as well as to avoid provoking negative behaviors. They may call upon other school personnel to help in discharging their responsibilities. Teachers may refer student to the building administrator who is then responsible for determining the necessity for and the nature of further disciplinary action.

When dealing with student misconduct, the administrator must be fair, consistent and just. He/she may employ a variety of student management techniques, including, but not limited to, the following: positive behavior supports, counseling involving the parents, in-school suspension, assigning the student to after-school detention, getting students together to discuss conflicts, referral for guidance, social work, and school psychological services, referral to outside agencies, one to ten day suspensions, emergency removal, and recommending expulsion. Immediate intervention by the staff member in charge of the student and/or observing the misbehavior is the appropriate first response. There shall be "zero tolerance" for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior. Principals shall utilize strategies ranging from prevention to intervention to address such behavior.

This set of discipline guidelines does not identify the complexities associated with managing students who exhibit a variety of unacceptable behavior; neither does it take into consideration extenuating circumstances or time factors. Accordingly, the administrator must be given latitude in the application of these guidelines. Repeat offenses require more severe disciplinary action.

The intent of all disciplinary proceedings should be the development of student growth and responsibility and should be carried out in the spirit that students shall treat one another with dignity. Humiliation, personal affront or other indignities are inconsistent with sound educational practices.

Sometimes the behavior of a student warrants his or her emergency removal from school. Of course, the rights of the student will be protected in this process.

The primary goal of this Code of Conduct is to create conditions that foster student self-discipline. Students are more likely to exercise self-discipline when they understand the consequences of breaking school rules or infringing on the rights of others.

Any pupil engaging in the types of conduct either specifically or generally like the kinds of conduct listed in this policy is subject to disciplinary actions as described in this policy.