

STUDENTS - Series 500

502 Student Behavior and Discipline

502.1 Student Conduct

The board believes inappropriate student conduct causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, personnel and visitors on school premises.

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with respect and consideration for the rights of others while on school premises, while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered buses, while attending or engaged in school activities, while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficiency, management and welfare of the school.

All employees of the district share the responsibility for seeing that student behavior meets standards of conduct that are conducive to learning. The goals of all school disciplinary rules and supervision are: (1) to encourage the student to take responsibility for his or her own actions; and (2) to gradually increase the student's self-discipline. All employees shall work closely with parents to meet these goals.

Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be disciplined for conduct which disrupts or interferes with the educational program, conduct which disrupts the orderly and efficient operation of the school or school activity, conduct which disrupts the rights of other students to obtain their education or participation, or conduct which interrupts the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere. Disciplinary measures, include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, suspension, probation, expulsion, community service and loss of privileges.

Removal from the classroom means a student is sent to the building principal's office or an area supervised by a school employee. It shall be within the discretion of the person in charge of the classroom to remove the student. Continual removal from class may result in permanent expulsion from that class and loss of credit for the entire semester.

Detention means the student's presence is required during nonschool hours disciplinary purposes. The student can be required to appear prior to the beginning of the school day or after school has been dismissed for the day. Whether a student will serve detention, the location and length of the detention shall be within the discretion of the school employee disciplining the student or the principal.

Suspension means either an in-school suspension, an out-of-school suspension or a restriction from activities. An in-school suspension means the student will attend school but will be temporarily isolated from one or more classes while under supervision. The student may not attend school activities or may not participate in a contest of extracurricular activities. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten days. An out-of-school suspension means the student is removed from the school environment, which includes school classes and activities. An out-of-school suspension will not exceed ten days.

A restriction from activities means a student will attend school and classes but will not attend or participate in school activities. A restriction from activities will follow the rules outlined in the Activity Handbook.

Probation means a student is given a conditional suspension of a penalty for a definite period of time in addition to being warned and/or punished for misconduct. The conditional suspension shall mean the student must meet the conditions and terms for the suspension of the penalty. Failure of the student to meet these conditions and terms shall invoke the penalty temporarily suspended.

Expulsion means the removal of a student from the school environment, which includes, but is not limited to, classes and activities for a period of time set by the board.

Community service means a student is required to complete a designated number of hours of uncompensated service for the school district. Service shall include but not be limited to custodial, tutoring or clerical service. Community service outside the school district is allowed providing proper supervision can be ensured.

Loss of privileges shall include but not be limited to P.A.R.T. (Parent Approved Released Time), access to areas of the campus, recess and restrictions on attendance at activities.

The Board believes inappropriate student appearance may cause material and substantial disruption to the school environment or present a threat to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors.

The Board expects students to be clean and well-groomed and wear clothes in good repair and appropriate for the time, place and occasion. Clothing or other apparel promoting products illegal for use by minors and clothing displaying obscene material, profanity, or reference to prohibited conduct are disallowed. While the primary responsibility for students' personal appearance lies with the students and their parents, appearance disruptive to the education program will not be tolerated. When, in the judgment of a principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

Any student who uses profanity, threatens or makes obscene gestures directly or indirectly toward a school employee or board member will be suspended from all classes and activities. This policy shall apply to physical damage intentionally done to an employee's or board member's personal or real property also. Such cases shall be brought to the Board of Education's attention for review.

Make up of school work missed because of disciplinary action shall be allowed in all situations except expulsion and will be the responsibility of the student after meeting with the teacher. In cases of expulsion, the administration shall recommend to the board whether or not make up is possible while not attending school.

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Legal Reference: Bunger v. Iowa High School Athletic Assn., 197 N.W. 2d 555 (1972).
Board of Directors of the Ind. School Dist. of Waterloo v. Green, 259 Iowa 1260, 147 N.W. 2d 854 (1967).
Iowa Code SS 279.8, 282.4, .5 (1987).
Iowa Admin. Code 12.3 (new standards).

Cross Reference: 501 Student Attendance
502.2 Student Suspension
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