

Parchment High School
STUDENT CODE of CONDUCT 2023 - 2024



Welcome to Parchment High School

The administration, faculty and staff of Parchment High School are looking forward to getting to know each of you personally and sharing with you this exciting period of your life. The educational program offered at Parchment High School provides the opportunity for you to be involved in planning your future and becoming a positive, contributing member of our school community.

Purpose: The Code of Conduct has been prepared to assist you in pursuit of a meaningful, positive educational experience whether you are new to our high school or a returning student. The Code of Conduct contains important information that you should know. Become familiar with the information and keep the handbook available for reference by you and your parents/legal guardians. If you have any questions that are not addressed in this handbook, you are encouraged to talk to your teachers or the building principal.

This Code of Conduct summarizes many of the official policies and administrative guidelines of the Board of Education and the District. To the extent that the handbook is ambiguous or conflicts with these policies and guidelines, the policies and guidelines shall control. This Code is effective immediately and supersedes any prior Codes and other written material on the same subjects.

This Code of Conduct does not equate to an irrevocable contractual commitment to the student, but only reflects the current status of the Board's policies and the School's rules as of August 2023. If any of the policies or administrative guidelines referenced herein are revised after August 2023, the language in the most current policy or administrative guideline prevails. If you have questions regarding the Code of Conduct, please contact the high school office at (269) 488-1100 and ask for the assistant principal.

This document does not contain every rule or policy of the district or high school. Rules, policies, procedures and/or activities are subject to change during the school year, with sufficient notification to the students. Students should notify their parents of these changes.

The rules, policies and procedures in this document do not supersede federal, state or local laws or ordinances.

No person in the Parchment School District will be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity on the basis of ethnicity, religion, gender, disability or any other legally protected status. Inquiries by students and/or parents/legal guardians related to discrimination on the basis of disability/handicap should be directed to : Superintendent of the Parchment School District, 520 N. Orient Street, Parchment, MI 49004. Phone number (269) 488-1050.

Disciplinary Action and Procedures

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1. Removal from Class

- A school administrator may keep a student out of a class or classes due to serious misconduct or continued behavior problems.
- To re-enter the classroom, a parent/legal guardian conference will be required.

2. Detention

- A school administrator may limit a student's attendance through detainment during regular or after school functions.
- Students may be required to serve detention in the morning, at lunchtime, or after school for violation of the established rules.

3. Suspension

- A suspended student may not be on school premises after school hours while under suspension. A school premise means all properties and buildings owned and operated by the Parchment School District.
- A suspended student may not participate in or attend any school function (including graduation exercises) while under suspension.
- All suspensions for violations of the School Code of Conduct are to be effective until the number of school days have passed.

4. In-School Suspension: a school administrator may require a suspended student to attend school during the period of suspension in an assigned location within the Parchment School District, generally a specified room in the high school.

- Parent/legal guardian may elect to have the student serve the suspension at home. However, those days will count as absences.
- The suspended student shall report directly to the assigned location upon arrival at school.
- The suspended student will be assigned a specific station that they may not leave during established school hours without permission from the suspension room supervisor.
- The suspended student shall not return to the regular High School program until all their time has been served, and they leave the In-School Suspension in good standing.
- Students who disrupt, refuse to do assignments or to follow directives of the In-House Supervisor will be removed from In-House and sent home for the remainder of that day and face additional days of suspension.

5. Out of School Suspension: a school administrator may suspend a student out of school for a period of time.

6. Suspension Procedures - Due Process

- The student shall be informed of the specific charges, which could be the basis for disciplinary action to be taken against them.
- The student will have the right to present to the school administrator any relevant information that will support their defense.
- When the student is suspended by the school administrator, the administrator will:
 - Notify the parents/legal guardians as soon as possible of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension, and the steps necessary to facilitate the student's return.
 - Suspension of more than one (1) school day but not more than ten (10) school days may be appealed in writing to the principal within two (2) school days of the parents' receipt of the written suspension notice. The written appeal must contain the reason(s) that the suspension is being appealed.
 - If the suspension is for a period of more than ten (10) days, the due process for expulsion will apply.

7. Exclusion

- A student will be denied the right to attend school for a period of time in excess of ten (10) school days but not greater than one (1) school trimester.
- Exclusion may result in the loss of credit for the trimester.

8. Expulsion: A student will be permanently prohibited from attending school in Parchment School District through action taken by the Board of Education on administrative recommendation.

- **Expulsion will result in loss of credit.**
- **Expulsion Procedures - Due Process**

Due Process: The Parchment School District's Board of Education recognizes the following:

- Students have full rights of citizenship as delineated in the United States Constitution, Constitution of the State of Michigan, the School Code, and other laws passed by the Legislature of the State of Michigan.
- The primary intent of society in establishing the public school system is to provide an opportunity for learning.
- Citizenship rights must not be abridged, obstructed, or in other ways altered except in accordance with due process of law.
- The opportunity for education is one of these citizenship rights.

9. Re-Entry/Behavior Contract

- As a condition of reinstatement, a suspended or excluded student may be required to enter into a contract that sets forth terms and conditions of reinstatement.
 - Any violation of the re-entry contract will result in additional suspension or expulsion from school.
 - The Behavior Contract is used with students that have repeating issues of severity. The contract will be signed and binding.
 - Any violation will result in immediate consequences outlined per the agreement up to and including recommended expulsion or alternative placement assignment.

10. Serious Violations of the Student Code of Conduct: Any student may be recommended for exclusion or expulsion on the first, second, or third offense if, in the opinion of the administrator, the student's presence is disruptive and/or dangerous to other students, employees, or the educational process.

11. Carry Over of Discipline: Any student receiving discipline that cannot be completed before the end of the school year will have that discipline carried over to the following year, at the discretion of the Administration.

12. Reservation of Rights: The school reserves the right to set forth, as part of the Code of Conduct, those rules and regulations necessary and proper for carrying into execution the educational program of the school which are not specifically stated herein as the need arises. When, in the judgment of the administration, the student's behavior reaches such proportion or is of a nature that it tends to influence others adversely and/or interferes with the educational process or infringes on the rights of others, the administration shall require discipline up to and including expulsion.

13. Categories of Misconduct: Assuming the responsibility granted to it by law, the Board of Education established the following categories of misconduct as those, which may result in temporary separation, suspension, or expulsion from the Parchment School District. These categories are general in nature and are not to be held all-inclusive.

14. Search and Seizure: Search of a student and their possessions, including vehicles, may be conducted at any time the student is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is in violation of law or school rules. A search may also be conducted to protect the health and safety of others. All searches may be conducted with or without a student's consent.

- Students are provided lockers in which to store materials. It should be clearly understood that this equipment is the property of the school and may be searched at any time if there is reasonable suspicion that a student has violated the law or school rules. Locks are to prevent

theft, not prevent searches. If student lockers require student-provided locks, locks may be removed at the discretion of the administration.

- Anything that is found in the course of a search that may be evidence of a violation of school rules or the law may be taken and held or turned over to the police. The school reserves the right not to return items which have been confiscated. In the course of any search, students' privacy rights will be respected regarding any items that are not illegal or against school policy.
- All computers located in classrooms, labs and offices of the District are the District's property and are to be used by students, where appropriate, solely for educational purposes. The District retains the right to access and review all electronic, computer files, databass, and any other electronic transmissions contained in or used in conjunction with the District's computer system, and electronic mail. Students should have no expectation that any information contained on such systems is confidential or private.
- Review of such information may be done by the District with or without the student's knowledge or permission. The use of passwords does not guarantee confidentiality, and the District retains the right to access information in spite of a password. A student's refusal to permit such access will be grounds for disciplinary action.

PARCHMENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

MINOR VIOLATIONS

Minor First Violation: Warning/detention

Minor/Major Second and Repeated Violations: Up to three (3) day suspension from school and conference/contact with parent/legal guardian.

- **DISRESPECT/DISRUPTION/DRESS CODE/INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE/TECHNOLOGY**
- **Corridor Conduct:**
 - Disruptive behavior and litter create safety hazards. Therefore, all students MUST refrain from disruptive and/or unsafe behavior and littering hallways.
 - Students are not to bring glass bottles to school.
 - Students are not to eat or drink outside the cafeteria unless given permission by the administration.
 - All beverages and food products MUST be in back packs or other bags if they are to be carried through the hallways.

- **Public Displays of Affection:**
 - There is a proper time and place for expressing affection; classrooms, hallways, etc., are not considered proper places for this expression. Any physical contact beyond holding hands is unacceptable at school or at school functions or activities, on or off school property.
- **Use of profane language or gestures, epithets and/or possession or pornographic/obscene material**
- **Inciting, Contributing to Disruption inside or outside the classroom**
- **Throwing Objects**
- **Closed Campus Violations/Truancy**
 - Students must come into the school building immediately after getting off the bus or arriving in their car. Students who walk to school must go directly into the building once they are on school property.
 - Off Limits areas are:
 - Loitering in all restrooms during the day
 - Parking lot (all day)
 - Classroom wings and student lockers (during lunch)
 - All outdoor areas
 - A student who leaves the building without permission from the office will be considered truant.
- **Cheating/Plagiarism:** In addition to suspension, for every incident the student will receive “0’s” for all work related to cheating/plagiarism.
 - Forgery of hall/bus passes; detention notice form, a parent/legal guardian notification letter as well as false IDs are forms of lying and are not acceptable.
- **Disrespect/Insubordination:** toward any School Employee including, but not limited to:
 - Interfering with a teacher/aide/staff member fulfilling their role in or out of the classroom; verbal epithets and/or profanity directed at a teacher/aide/staff member.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS

First Major Violation: Up to five (5) day suspension, parent/legal guardian conference.

Second Major Violation: Up to ten (10) day suspension from school, conference with parent/legal guardian and re-entry contract.

Repeated Major Violations: Possible exclusion with recommendation for expulsion.

- **Ethnic/Gender/Sexual/Social Intimidation/Harassment:** Parchment School District has a zero tolerance regarding this type of behavior. A student is guilty of this type of intimidation/harassment if that person:

- Behaves purposely and maliciously, and with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, gender, religion, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry.
 - Uses abusive, profane or vulgar language, gestures, displays or graffiti, including those of an intimidating or hostile nature with respect to race, gender, religion, creed, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry, whether directed at a specific person, or not directed toward anyone specifically.
 - Inflicts behaviors such as unwanted physical contact with another person, damage, destruction or defacing any real or personal property of another person or threats by word or act.
 - Any staff member/student or applicant that believes they have been or are the victim of harassment should immediately report the situation to the building principal or their immediate supervisor. If the complaint relates to this individual, the complaint may be filed with the Superintendent, 520 N. Orient, Parchment, MI 49004, 269-488-1050. If the complaint relates to the Superintendent, it should be filed directly with the Board President. All complaints will be investigated.
- **Bullying: Parchment School District Policy is as follows:**
 - It is the policy of the District to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. This policy protects all students from bullying/aggressive behavior regardless of the subject matter or motivation for such impermissible behavior.
 - Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties, including Board members, parents, guests, contractors, vendors and volunteers is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal and psychological abuse, including hazing, gestures, comments, threats, or actions to a student, which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation.
 - Demonstration of appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers to provide positive examples for student behavior.
 - This policy applies to all "at school" activities in the District, including activities on school property, in a school vehicle, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, and employee is engaged in school business. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment.
 - Students who engage in any act of bullying while at school, at any school function, in connection to or with any District sponsored activity or event, or while en route to or from school are subject to disciplinary

action. As may be required by law, law enforcement officials shall be notified of bullying incidents.

- **Gang-related symbols, gestures, graffiti, dress, jewelry and/or activities.**
- **Inciting, promoting or instigating disruptive behavior.**
 - Videotaping and posting with intent to promote or instigate will result in suspension.

EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

- **Behavior at athletic/extracurricular events (home and away), concerts, dances and assemblies.** Unsportsmanlike/inappropriate behaviors and/or heckling are not acceptable at school events, on or off school property. PHS students are responsible for their guests' behavior at all events.
 - **First Violation:** Removal from school event, parent/legal guardian notification. Student will be excluded from attending all school functions for the remainder of the current semester.
 - **Second Violation and Repeated Violations:** Removal from school event, parent/legal guardian notification, up to ten (10) day suspension, and exclusion from all school functions for the remainder of the year.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE SAFETY OF OTHERS

- **Fighting or Physical Attacks on Students, Teachers or Designee.**
 - **First Violation:** Ten (10) day suspension with possible request for expulsion and parent/legal guardian conference
 - **Second Violation:** Exclusion with recommendation for expulsion.
- **Threats to Students, Teachers or Other Adult Supervisor** - threats include, but are not limited to; verbal, written (word or picture), electronic postings and/or any other format.
 - **First Violation:** Up to Ten (10) day suspension, parent/legal guardian conference and re-entry contract.
 - **Second Violation:** Immediate recommendation for expulsion.
- **School Transportation Rules**
 - **First Violation:** Up to five (5) day bus suspension and parent/legal guardian notification.
 - **Second Violation:** Ten (10) day bus suspension and parent/legal guardian notification.
 - **Third Violation:** Thirty (30) day bus suspension, parent/legal guardian conference and behavior contract.
 - **Fourth Violation:** Bus transportation is no longer available to the student for the duration of attendance in Parchment School District.

MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

- **Theft**
 - **First Violation:** Up to ten (10) day suspension, parent/legal guardian conference.
 - **Second Violation:** Ten (10) day suspension and conference with parent/legal guardian; re-entry contract.
 - **Third Violation:** recommendation for expulsion.
- **Defacing and/or Destruction of Property** including textbooks, misuse of internet, vandalism of school computers and any other behaviors not authorized by a teacher/aide/school employee.
- **Vandalism of school, staff and/or student property**
 - **First Violation:** Up to ten (10) day suspension and possible recommendation for expulsion, depending on circumstances and severity of the vandalism.
 - **Second Violation:** Ten (10) day suspension with possible recommendation for expulsion, depending on circumstances and severity of the vandalism.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO DISRUPTION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS

- **Possession and/or Use of Cell Phones:** May be appropriately used during passing times and at lunch. Students must have teacher permission to use electronic devices in the classroom (music or educational use only, no texting, social media or gaming).
- **Appropriate use defined as:** making a call, sending and receiving text and/or listening to music, with use of headphones/ear-buds (during passing and lunch only). Social media, taking pictures or videos is unacceptable.
 - **First Violation:** Warning
 - **Second Violation:** Removal from class, possible confiscation, parents/legal guardians notified and possible suspension.
 - **Third Violation and Repeated Violations:** Removal from class, confiscation, parents/legal guardians notified, suspension and phone plan created.
- **Dress Code**
 - **First Violation:** Students will be required to comply with the policy or will be suspended until the standards are met.
 - **Second Violation:** Student will receive detention, be suspended until the standards are met, and a conference/contact with parent/legal guardian.
 - **Third Violation and Repeated Violations:** Up to three (3) day suspension from school and conference/contact with parent/legal guardian.

**** If the violation occurs at a school activity, the student will be dismissed from activity until an acceptable standard is met.**

MATTERS PERTAINING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

The school has a "Drug Free" zone that extends 1000 feet beyond the school boundaries as well as to any school activity and transportation. This means that any activity - sale, use, distribution, or use of drugs, alcohol, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants, or look-alike drugs is prohibited. If caught, the student could be suspended or expelled and law enforcement officials may be contacted. Sale also includes the possession or sale of over-the-counter medication to another student.

The sale, distribution, possession, or use of drugs, alcohol, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants, or look-alike drugs is prohibited. This includes nonalcoholic beers and wines, and the like. Many drug abuse offenses are also felonies. Sale also includes the possession or sale of over-the-counter medication to another student.

Tobacco, all Types, Including Chewing Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes

First Violation: Confiscation, up to five (5) day suspension, a parent/legal guardian notification.

Second Violation: Confiscation, up to ten (10) day suspension, parent/legal guardian conference, possible behavioral contract.

Third Violation and Repeated Violations: Confiscation, ten (10) day suspension, recommendation for exclusion, police and parent/legal guardian notification, behavioral contract.

- **Possession or Use of Alcohol/Other Controlled Substances/Drug Paraphernalia**
 - **First Violation:** Confiscation and ten (10) day suspension, parent/legal guardian conference, and police notification; counseling by qualified district personnel at administrator discretion. Possible recommendation for expulsion/exclusion.
 - **Second Violation:** Confiscation, ten (10) day suspension with recommendation for exclusion/expulsion, parent/legal guardian and police notification; Alternative placement.

- **Sale/Furnishing of Controlled Substances** Sale or furnishing, or attempting to sell or furnish controlled substances.
 - **First and Only Violation:** recommendation for expulsion, police involvement, notification of parents/legal guardian.

- **The Possession/Use of an E-Cigarette or "Vaping"**
 - **First Violation:** Confiscation, up to five (5) day suspension, a parent/legal guardian notification.
 - **Second Violation:** Confiscation, up to ten (10) day suspension, parent/legal guardian conference.
 - **Third Violation and Repeated Violations:** Confiscation, ten (10) day suspension, recommendation for exclusion, police and parent/legal guardian notification.

Violation of Federal/State/Local Laws and Ordinances

- Abuse of fire alarms, safety equipment
- Bomb threats
- Arson
- Possession and/or use of weapons
 - Pursuant to Section 1313 Article 2 of the Michigan School Code, students may be expelled if in possession of, or uses, a weapon on school property. Weapons include firearms, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife with a blade over three (3) inches in length, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, iron bar, or brass knuckles, pepper spray or other devices designed to or likely to inflict bodily harm, including, but not limited to, air guns and explosive devices. All school property, school vehicles, or property used for school purposes to deliver/impact instruction are part of the Weapons-Free School Zone. (Knives of any size are unacceptable)
 - **First Major Violation:** Ten (10) day suspension with possible request for expulsion and parent/legal guardian conference and police notification.
 - **Second Major Violation:** Exclusion with recommendation for expulsion, parent/legal guardian conference and police notification.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION/HIGH SCHOOL DRIVING POLICY

- **Driving Policy**
 - All vehicles driven to school by students must be properly registered with the Attendance Office. Parking IDs must be displayed on the rearview mirror.
 - All vehicles driven to school must be parked within ONE designated parking area.
 - A student driving a car without an ID MUST report to the Attendance Office and register their car before the school day begins.
 - All vehicles will be operated legally on school grounds. Any improper operation will result in the suspension/removal of driving privileges for that student and the authorities may be notified.
 - Parking on school property is a privilege that can be revoked at any time.
 - Students who are provided the opportunity to ride school transportation are encouraged to do so. Students and their parent/legal guardian assume full responsibility for any transportation to and from school not officially provided by the school.
 - Students are not to sit in cars in the parking lot at any time during the school day. The parking lot is off limits.
 - Any student involved in an accident in the student parking lot should report the incident to the office.

- **Violation of Driving Policy**

- **First Violation:** Loss of Driving privilege for up to ten (10) days and parent/legal guardian notification.
- **Second Violation:** Loss of driving privilege for up to thirty (30) days.
- **Third Violation:** Permanent loss of driving privilege.

Mandatory Suspension or Expulsion

It is the policy of the Board to comply with the federal Gun-Free Schools Act and sections 1310, 1311, and 1311a of the Revised School Code. Nothing in this section of the Board Policy may be construed to limit the Board's discretion to suspend or expel a student for any offense that the student code of conduct identifies as possibly resulting in suspension or expulsion. The Board directs all administrators to refer all incidents that may result in a mandatory suspension or expulsion to the Board. The Board recognizes that, as explained below, in some circumstances it may choose not to suspend or expel a student.

Possession of a Firearm

If a student possesses a firearm in a weapon-free school zone, the Board will permanently expel the student unless the student demonstrates, in a clear and convincing manner, at least one of the following:

- The student was not possessing the instrument or object to use as a weapon or to deliver, either directly or indirectly, to another person to use as a weapon;
- The student did not knowingly possess the weapon;
- The student did not know or have reason to know that the instrument or object constituted a "dangerous weapon" or
- The student possessed the weapon at the suggestion, request, or direction of, or with the express permission of school or police authorities.

If a student demonstrates one of the above circumstances in a clear and convincing manner and the student has not been previously suspended or expelled from school, the Board will not expel the student unless the Board finds that, based on the circumstances, expulsion is warranted.

Possession of a Dangerous Weapon (Other than a Firearm)

If a student possesses a dangerous weapon in a weapon-free school zone, the Board will consider whether to permanently expel the student or to impose a less severe penalty after first considering the following factors:

- The student's age;
- The student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;

- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

Additionally, the Board is not required to expel a student for possession of a dangerous weapon (other than a firearm) if the student demonstrates, in a clear and convincing manner, at least one of the following;

- The student was not possessing the instrument or object to use as a weapon or to deliver, either directly or indirectly, to another person to use as a weapon;
- The student did not knowingly possess the weapon;
- The student did not knowingly possess the weapon;
- The student did not know or have reason to know that the instrument or object constituted a “dangerous weapon”; or
- The student possessed the weapon at the suggestion, request, or direction of, or with the express permission of, school or police authorities.

Applicable Definitions for Dangerous Weapon Offense

“Weapon-Free School Zone” means school property and a vehicle used by a school to transport students to or from school property.

“School Property” means a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to students or used for functions and events sponsored by a school, except a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses.

“Dangerous weapon” means a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, and knife with a blade over 3 inches in length, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, iron bar, or brass knuckles.

“Firearm” means (1) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (2) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (3) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (4) any destructive device. “Firearm” does not include an antique firearm.

“Destructive device” means (1) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas (including a bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or similar device; (2) any type of weapon (other than a shotgun or a shotgun shell that the Attorney General finds is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes) by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter; and (3) any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device

into a destructive device and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

“Antique firearm” means any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system) manufactured in or before 1898; or any replica of any such firearm if the replica: (1) is not designed or redesigned for using rim fire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition, or (2) uses rim fire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade. “Antique firearm” also means any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle loading pistol which is designed to use black powder, or a black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition. “Antique firearm” does not include any weapon that incorporates a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm which is converted into a muzzle loading weapon, or any muzzle loading weapon; which can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock, or any combination thereof.

Additional Procedures for Dangerous Weapon Expulsion:

The Board directs the Superintendent to ensure that if a student is expelled for possession of a dangerous weapon, the student’s permanent record reflects the expulsion. The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to refer a student who is expelled for possession of a dangerous weapon to the county department of social services or the county community mental health agency and to notify the student’s parent or legal guardian (or the student if the student is at least 18 or is an emancipated minor) of the referral within 3 calendar days of the expulsion. The Board further directs the Superintendent or designee to make a referral to local law enforcement and to contact the student’s parent/guardian immediately any time a student is found to have brought a dangerous weapon to school or possessed a dangerous weapon at school, at a school related activity, or in route to or from school in a school vehicle.

Unless reinstated pursuant to section 1311(6) of the Revised School Code, a student expelled by another district for possession of a dangerous weapon may not enroll in the District.

Arson

If a student is convicted of, or pleads guilty or not contest to, committing arson, as defined in section 1311 of the Revised School Code, in a school building or on school grounds, the Board will consider whether to permanently expel the student or to impose a less severe penalty after first considering the following factors:

- The student’s age;
- The student’s disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;

- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

Additional Procedures for Arson Expulsion:

The Board directs the Superintendent to ensure that if a student is expelled for committing arson, the student's permanent record reflects the expulsion. The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to refer a student who is expelled for committing arson to the county department of social services or the county community mental health agency and to notify the student's parent/guardian (or the student if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor) of the referral within 3 calendar days of the expulsion.

Unless reinstated pursuant to section 1311(6) of the Revised School Code, a student expelled by another district for committing arson may not enroll in the District.

Criminal Sexual Conduct

If a student is convicted of, or pleads guilty or no contest to committing criminal sexual conduct, as defined in section 1311 of the Revised School Code, in a school building or on school grounds, the Board will consider whether to permanently expel the student or to impose a less severe penalty after first considering the following factors:

- The student's age;
- The student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

Additional Procedures for Criminal Sexual Conduct Expulsion:

The Board directs the Superintendent to ensure that if a student is expelled for committing criminal sexual conduct, the student's permanent record reflects the expulsion. The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to refer a student who is expelled for committing criminal sexual conduct to the county department of social services or the county community mental health agency and to notify the student's parent/guardian (or the student if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor) of the referral within 3 calendar days of the expulsion.

Unless reinstated pursuant to section 1311(6) of the Revised School Code, a student expelled by another district for committing criminal sexual conduct may not enroll in the district.

Physical Assault Against Employee, Volunteer, or Contractor

If a student in grade 6 or above commits a physical assault at school against an employee, volunteer, or contractor and the victim reports the physical assault to the

Board or to an administrator or, if the victim is unable to report the assault, another person makes the report on the victim's behalf, the Board will consider whether to permanently expel the student or to impose a less severe penalty after first considering the following factors:

- The student's age;
- The student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

"Physical assault" means intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another through force or violence.

Additional Procedures for Physical Assault Against Employee/Volunteer/Contractor Expulsion:

The Board directs the Superintendent to ensure that if a student is expelled for physically assaulting an employee, volunteer, or contractor, the student's permanent record reflects the expulsion. The Board directs the Superintendent, or their designee, to refer a student who is expelled for physically assaulting an employee, volunteer, or contractor to the county department of social services or the county community mental health agency and to notify the student's parent/guardian (or the student if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor) of the referral within 3 calendar days of the expulsion.

Unless reinstated pursuant to section 1311a(5) of the Revised School Code, a student expelled by another district for physically assaulting an employee, volunteer, or contractor may not enroll in the District.

Physical Assault Against Another Student

If a student in grade 6 or above commits a physical assault at school against another student and the physical assault is reported to the Board or to an administrator, the Board or its designee will consider whether to suspend or expel the student or to impose a less severe penalty after first considering the following factors:

- The student's age;
- The student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

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Additional Procedures for Physical Assault Against Another Student:

A resident student in grade 6 or above who was expelled by another school for committing a physical assault against another student may submit a petition to the Board requesting enrollment in the District. The Board will consider the petition, along with any information the Board determines relevant, as its next regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board may either grant or deny the petition. If the Board denies the petition, the student may not enroll in the District. The Board’s decision is final.

Bomb Threat or Similar Threat

If a student in grade 6 or above makes a bomb threat or similar threat directed at a school building, other school property, or a school-related event, the Board or its designee will consider whether to suspend or expel the student or to impose a less severe penalty after first considering the following factors.

- The student’s age;
- The student’s disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

Additional Procedures for Bomb Threat or Similar Threat:

A resident student in grade 6 or above who was expelled by another school district for making a bomb threat or similar threat may submit a petition to the Board requesting enrollment in the District. The Board will consider the petition, along with any information the Board determines relevant, at its next regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board may either grant or deny the petition. If the Board denies the petition, the student may not enroll in the District. The Board’s decision is final.