

BOE POLICY 2158: STUDENT DISCIPLINE/CONDUCT

Standards of behavior for all members of society are generally a matter of common sense. The following examples of behavior are not acceptable in society generally, and in a school environment particularly. The involvement of a student in the kind of behavior listed below will generally require remedial or corrective action. These examples are not intended to be exhaustive and the exclusion or omission of an unacceptable behavior is not an endorsement or acceptance of such behavior. When, in the judgment of the teacher or administrator, a student is involved or has been involved in unacceptable behavior, appropriate remedial or corrective action will be taken.

The following behaviors at school, while on school vehicles or going to or from or attending school events will result in disciplinary action, which may include in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension:

1. Arson
2. Assault (whether physical or verbal) and/or battery
3. Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation by making or transmitting or causing or allowing to be transmitted, any telephonic, computerized or electronic message
4. Attempting to incite or produce imminent violence directed against another person because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation by broadcasting, publishing or distributing or causing or allowing to be broadcast, published or distributed, any message or material
5. Academic Dishonesty/Cheating through the dishonest giving or receiving of aide or information on any student assignment or test
6. Conduct that threatens or jeopardizes the safety of others
7. Cutting class or sleeping, eating or refusing to work in class
8. Disruption of the educational process or operation of the school
9. Extortion
10. Failure to attend assigned detention, alternative school or other disciplinary assignment without approval
11. Failure to comply with state immunization records
12. False reports or false calls
13. Fighting
14. Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement
15. Gambling
16. Gang related activity or action
17. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including gestures, written or verbal expression, electronic communication or physical acts
18. Hazing (whether involving initiations or not) in connection with any school activity, regardless of location
19. Inappropriate attire, including violation of dress code
20. Inappropriate behavior or gestures
21. Indecent exposure
22. Intimidation or harassment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation, including but not limited to: (a) assault and battery; (b) damage, destruction, vandalism or defacing any real or personal property; or threatening, by word or act, the acts identified in (a) or (b)
23. Obscene language
24. Parking violations

25. Physical or verbal abuse
26. Plagiarism
27. Possession or distribution of a caustic substance
28. Possession or distribution of obscene materials
29. Possession, without prior authorization, of a wireless telecommunication device
30. Possession, threat or use of a dangerous weapon and related instrumentalities (i.e., bullets, shells, gun powder, pellets, etc.)
31. Possession, use, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, conspiracy to sell, distribute or possess or being in the chain of sale or distribution, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, low-point beer (as defined by Oklahoma law, i.e., 3.2 beer), illegal chemical substances or any substance represented to be an alcoholic beverage, low-point beer or illegal chemical substance, regardless of its actual content
32. Possession of illegal and/or drug related paraphernalia
33. Possession of prescription and/or non-prescription medicine while at school and school related functions without prior district approval
34. Profanity
35. Purchasing, selling and/or attempting to purchase or sell prescription and non-prescription medicine while at school and school related functions
36. Sexual or other harassment of individuals including, but not limited to, students, school employees, volunteers
37. Theft
38. Threatening behavior, including gestures, written or verbal expression, electronic communication or physical acts
39. Truancy
40. Use or possession of tobacco in any form as well as, “simulated tobacco products” which are defined as products that imitate or mimic tobacco products, including, but not limited to cloves, bidis, kreteks, and vapor smoking WITH or WITHOUT nicotine.
41. Use or possession of missing or stolen property if property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school
42. Using racial, religious, ethnic, sexual, gender or disability-related epithets
43. Vandalism
44. Violation of Board of Education policies, rules or regulations or violation of school rules and regulations including, but not limited to, disrespect, lingering in restrooms, running in halls, bringing unauthorized items to school, inappropriate or unauthorized use of cellular phones or other electronic media, name calling, destroying or defacing school property
45. Vulgarity
46. Willful damage to school property
47. Willful disobedience of a directive of any school official
48. Inappropriate access to a restroom or changing facility that is labeled for the exclusive use of the opposite sex stated on the student’s birth certificate.

For cheating, the student may receive a zero on the assignment and possible further disciplinary actions as deemed necessary by the teacher and administration. Cheating does affect a student’s admission to honor organizations or positions of trust.

In addition, conduct occurring outside of the normal school day or off school property that has a direct and immediate negative effect on the discipline or educational process or effectiveness of the school, will also result in disciplinary action, which may include in-school placement options or out-of-school suspension. This includes but is not limited to electronic communication, whether or not such communication originated at school or with school equipment, if the communication is specifically directed at students or school personnel and concerns harassment, intimidation or bullying at school.

Student Conduct

The Bixby Board of Education believes that an important responsibility of any school system is to teach acceptable social conduct. We believe that such conduct may be taught by example and by providing appropriate incentives. The Board also believes that reasonable standards of conduct should be established and that adherence to those standards be insisted upon.

Options for discipline may include but not limited to:

Instructor or Administrator Intervention

May include, but is not limited to: warning conference with student, parent conference, referral to counselor, behavioral contract, restriction of privileges, requirement of corrective action by student, changing student's seat or class assignment, involvement of local authorities or agencies, or other appropriate action as required or indicated by the circumstances.

Detention

Detention is a correctional measure used when it is deemed appropriate. Students are to report to the appropriate teacher/principal at the specified time with class work to be studied. Detention may be assigned on a weekday or on a Saturday, as deemed appropriate.

In-School Intervention

In-school intervention is an optional correctional measure that may be used by the school when deemed appropriate by a site administrator. It involves assignment to a school site, designated by the school, for a prescribed course of education as determined by school representatives and there shall be no grade penalty. In-school intervention is not considered by law to be out-of-school suspension and therefore is non-appealable.

Out-Of-School Placement

Out-of-school placement is an optional correctional measure specifically authorized in cases when a student has made electronic communications intended to terrify, intimidate, harass, or threaten injury or harm to faculty or students. Any such placement will be made in accordance with applicable special education procedural safeguards. Out of School Suspension Students may be suspended out of school pursuant to the District's policy regarding student suspension.

School Bullying Prevention Act (Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 24-100.2)

The Oklahoma Legislature established the School Bullying Prevention Act with the express intent of prohibiting peer student harassment, intimidation, bullying and threatening behavior. These terms include, but are not limited to any gesture, written or verbal expression, electronic communication or physical act that a reasonable person should know will:

1. Harm another student;
2. Damage another student's property;
3. Place another student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or damage to the student's property;
or
4. Insult or demean any student or group of students in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the School District's educational mission or the education of any student.

The Board has also adopted a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, bullying and threatening behavior that defines and explains this conduct and the District's plan to address it.

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