

VIOLENT and AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

The Board recognizes there are certain behaviors that, if tolerated, would compromise the learning environment to which the students and staff of the district are entitled. These behaviors, categorized as violent or aggressive, will not be tolerated.

Students exhibiting violent or aggressive behavior or warning signs of future violent or aggressive behavior shall receive appropriate intervention to change behavior before a crisis occurs and shall be subject to disciplinary action when appropriate.

Students shall immediately report questionable behavior or potentially violent situations to appropriate school officials.

A staff member who witnesses or receives a report of a student's act of violence and aggression shall notify the building principal or designee as soon as possible. Law enforcement officials shall be involved if there is any violation of law.

An act of violence and aggression is any expression, direct or indirect, verbal or behavioral, of intent to inflict harm, injury or damage to persons or property. A threat of violence and aggression carries with it implied notions of risk of violence and a probability of harm or injury.

An act of violence and aggression includes but is not limited to the following behaviors

1. Possession, threat with or use of a weapon - as described in the district's weapons policy
2. Physical assault - the act of striking or touching a person or that person's property with a part of the body or with any object with the intent of causing hurt or harm.
3. Verbal abuse - includes, but is not limited to, swearing, screaming, obscene gestures or threats directed, either orally (including by telephone) or in writing (including by text, social media or other electronic means), at an individual, his or her family or a group
4. Intimidation - an act intended to frighten or coerce someone into submission or obedience
5. Extortion - the use of verbal or physical coercion in order to obtain financial or material gain from others
6. Bullying - any written or verbal expression, physical act or gesture, or a pattern thereof, that is intended to cause distress upon one or more students in the school environment as further described in the district's Bully Prevention and Education policy.
7. Gang Activity - as described in the district's secret societies/gang activity policy
8. Sexual Harassment - as described in the district's sexual harassment policy

9. Stalking - the persistent following, contacting, watching or any other such threatening actions that compromise the peace of mind or the personal safety of an individual
10. Defiance - a serious act or instance of defying or opposing legitimate authority
11. Discriminatory Slurs - insulting, disparaging or derogatory comments made directly or by innuendo regarding a person's race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national or ethnic background or handicap
12. Vandalism - damaging or defacing property owned by or in the rightful possession of another
13. Terrorism - a threat to commit violence communicated with the intent to terrorize or with reckless disregard for the risk of creating such terror or to cause serious public inconvenience, such as the evacuation of a building

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(X) (definition of bullying)

CROSS REFS.: JBB*, Sexual Harassment
JICDA, Code of Conduct
JICDE*, Bullying Prevention and Education
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
JICI, Weapons in School