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Any principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal (herein called principal) may suspend/expel any student from attendance at school or any school-related activity on or off campus or from attendance at a specific class or classes, or from riding a school bus, without suspending such student from attendance at school (in-school suspension), for good and sufficient reasons.¹

Student offenses are in four categories as prescribed in Board policy. Most of these are listed below. Administrators responsible for discipline will classify any offense not listed below unless directed by the Board.

CATEGORY I

Offenses to be administered by the school that may result in detention, loss of privilege, demerits, corporal punishment or suspension due to severity of incident.

1. Refusing to do assigned work
2. Tardiness (class or school)
3. Refusing to participate in required school activities (wellness activities, reading, instruction, etc.)
4. Minor violations of school or classroom rules
5. Conduct which disrupts the peace or good order of the school or the learning environment (impudence, profanity, disorderly conduct, and no regard for authority, etc.)
6. Inappropriate dress or appearance considered disruptive to the school.
7. Unauthorized use of copying machines, computers, phones, or printers.
8. Loitering (no student should remain at school beyond last bus departure)
9. Inappropriate public display of affection
10. Open food or drink in school without permission

CATEGORY II

Offenses that may result in suspension or referral outside the school. *** If any student is placed in TSS or is in OSS he/she will not be allowed to participate in **any** school function including field trips, athletic practices or contests.

First Time Category II Offense: 5 days suspension

Second Time Category II Offense: 10 days suspension

Third Time Category II Offense: Referral to Board of Education for expulsion

1. Fighting (both parties, unless one was attacked for no apparent reason)
2. Use of foul or abusive language
3. Disrespect to employee
4. Harassment
5. Bullying, threatening, hazing or intimidating behavior

6. Use or possession of tobacco, juuls or any vaping device in any form
7. Use or possession of any incendiary device (i.e. lighter, matches)
8. Insubordination (not allowing a directive from a teacher, administrator or other school system employee)
9. Leaving school grounds or class without permission—including lunch period
10. Repeated refusal to do assigned work
11. Chronic disruption
12. Failure to provide correct identity/address
13. Dishonesty (copying, cheating, forging signatures, etc.)
14. Misuse/destruction of school property
15. Extortion
16. Participation in school disruption
17. Receipt, sale, possession or distribution of stolen property (reported to legal authorities)
18. Trespassing on school property
19. Prescription drug policy violation
20. Unauthorized possession or use of school keys
21. Gambling (i.e. pitching pennies, dice or other activity)
22. Computer hacking or tampering
23. Stealing (may be reported to the police)
24. Defiance (Third offense of all phone policies)

CATEGORY IIA

If a counseling session has taken place regarding a possible fight. Then the administrator will refer the incident for a DHA hearing.

CATEGORY III

Offenses in this category are not automatically considered zero tolerance but will be treated as such by the principal unless there are extenuating circumstances.

1. Pulling a fire alarm or otherwise causing one to sound when no fire or smoke is visible
2. Possession or detonation of an incendiary or explosive material (firecracker or greater as well as stink/smoke bombs, poppers, etc.
3. Destruction of school property
4. Inciting disruption of school activities (i.e. stopping normal proceedings in school)
5. Repeated violation of school rules.
6. Verbal or physical assault of a student/employee
7. Other Types of Threat (Verbal, Written or Electronic)

CATEGORY IV

There shall be zero tolerance for the following offenses and these offenses shall be reported to the director of schools and the Board for expulsion and will also be reported to law enforcement officers.

1. Possession/use of alcohol and/or other drugs (shall be reported to law enforcement)
2. Possession/sale/distribution of drug paraphernalia (including rolling papers)
3. Arson
4. Bomb threat
5. Possession/sale/use or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs or controlled substances

6. Possession and/or use of weapons or any instrument used as a weapon to injure someone intentionally or any instrument or toy intended to be a weapon
7. Aggravated Assault of a student/employee
8. Possession of a Handgun, Rifle or Shotgun
9. Possession of and Explosive or Incendiary Device
10. Attempted Homicide/Homicide
11. Sexual Assault
12. Possession of a Non-Lethal Firearm

BUS RULES

A student shall become ineligible for transportation when his behavior is such as to cause dissension on a school bus, or when he disobeys state or local rules and regulations pertaining to pupil transportation.

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stop.
2. Do not stand or play in roadway while waiting for the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter or leave the bus.
4. Do not at any time, extend arm or forehead, or any part of the body out of the bus window.
5. Do not leave your seat or move about while the bus is in motion.
6. No loud talking or yelling that could divert the driver's attention from operating the bus.
Be absolutely quiet when approaching or crossing a railroad track or traveling up and down a mountain.
7. No profane or immoral language, smoking or use of tobacco, drugs or intoxicating beverages in any form or any improper conduct will be tolerated.
8. Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles. Do not at any time throw any object on bus or throw anything out the bus window.
9. Do not in any way damage the seats or anything inside the bus. Person(s) responsible for damage of any kind to bus will be made to pay for cost of repairs and bus privileges will be denied.
10. Students must obey the driver at all times. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats to students.
11. Students must not cross the road in back of the bus. Always cross in front of the bus.
12. In case of a road emergency, remain in the bus until instructions are given by the driver.
13. No eating or drinking is permitted on the bus. No chewing gum.
14. Fighting is a major offense that will result in immediate removal from the bus.
15. Any other actions that disrupt the normal procedures of bus transportation or could result in any accident will result in:

Disciplinary Action

Minor Offenses:

First Time — Bus driver talks to child about misbehavior

Second Time — Bus driver sends Bus Conduct Report home with the student to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and copy to school office

Third Time — The bus driver will complete Bus Conduct Report and the principal shall suspend the student from the bus for three (3) days

Fourth Time — The bus driver shall complete the Bus Conduct Report and the principal shall suspend the student from the bus for ten (10) days.

Fifth Time — Bus driver will complete the Bus Conduct Report and the principal shall suspend the student from the bus until the next Board meeting. The parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student shall be required to appear before the Board in order for bus privileges to be reconsidered.

Major Offenses: (rules # 7, 9, 14 & 15 with 15 at the discretion of the principal)

First Time — The bus driver shall complete the Bus Conduct Report and the principal shall suspend the student from the bus for five (5) days.

Second Time — The bus driver will complete the Bus Conduct Report and the principal shall suspend the student from the bus for ten (10) days or until the next Board meeting.

If the next Board meeting is more than ten (10) days from the time suspension is issued, the student may return to riding the bus after the ten (10) day suspension is served. The parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student shall be required to appear before to discuss further suspension and/or proof of conduct improvement.

At the principal's discretion, any student may be removed immediately from the bus until the next Board meeting.

Legal Reference:

1. TCA 49-6-4001 through 49-6-4105; TCA 49-6-4018