

Policy 503.01: Student Conduct

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The goal of the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District discipline policy is to ensure the rights of all students to a productive educational environment in which they may learn the skills necessary to develop into mature, responsible young adults, accountable for their own actions. Students shall be expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the applicable rules and policies of the District. While all employees of the District share the responsibility for seeing that behavior of students meets the standards of conduct conducive to a learning situation, the development of student self-discipline is encouraged.

The board believes inappropriate student conduct causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors on school premises. Appropriate classroom behavior allows teachers to communicate more effectively with students.

Students who fail to abide by this policy, and the administrative regulations supporting it, may be disciplined for conduct, acts or behavior which disrupts or interferes with an 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 participate in or obtain their education; conduct that is violent or destructive; or conduct which interrupts the maintenance of a scholarly, disciplined atmosphere. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, suspension, probation, and expulsion.

Dallas Center-Grimes behavioral expectations shall apply to students while on school premises, while attending school sponsored events, while on school buses or school provided transportation, while students are engaged in school sponsored activities, while students are away from school at such activities, while under school supervision, and while students are away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficiency, management and welfare of the school.

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CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING THE REGULATIONS, RULES AND POLICIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students who violate policies, rules or regulations of the District, or who have documented cases of conduct detrimental to the best interest of the District, may be suspended or expelled from school or otherwise punished as provided by this policy.

The principals or designee(s) may impose a range of penalties based on their professional judgment and the facts and circumstances of each situation. Consequences may range from warning, counseling, reprimand, detention, suspension, loss of privileges, suspension from participating in activities, or recommendation for expulsion.

The administration reserves the right to use discretion in determining the severity of any student violation of a policy, rule, or directive of the District and/or inappropriate act or behavior on the part of the student. Additionally, the administration reserves the right to use discretion in determining the appropriate penalty for student violations and behavior.

Suspension means; either an in-school suspension, an out-of-school suspension, a restriction from activities or loss of eligibility. An in-school suspension means the student will attend school but will be temporarily isolated from one or more classes while under supervision. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten consecutive school 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 consecutive school days. A restriction from school activities means a student will attend school and classes and practice but will not participate in school activities.

Probation means a student is given a conditional suspension of a penalty for a definite period of time in addition to being reprimanded. The conditional suspension will 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 will result in immediate reinstatement of the penalty.

Expulsion means an action by the board to remove 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.

Discipline of special education students, including suspensions and expulsions, will comply with the provisions of applicable federal and state laws.

Specifics of the application of this policy can be found in each building's student handbook.
