

Descriptor Term	Descriptor Code	Issue Date	Revised
Disciplinary Measures	JGEB	July 1, 2006	11-16-10, 5-20-13, 6-17-13 6-23-14, 6-22-2015, 6-13-19, 1.??23

The following list summarizes different methods used to correct misbehavior. The list begins with consequences for minor infractions and continues toward major infractions. If a major infraction does occur, the higher-level consequence will be considered. The list is as follows:

- A. Assertive Discipline consequences given in classroom by teacher;
- B. Verbal reprimand from principal;
- C. Telephone call made to the parent/guardian by teacher or principal;
- D. Detention Hall;
- E. Conference with parents, teacher, and principal;
- F. Student placed on an in-school suspension;
- G. Student placed on out-of-school suspension;
- H. Student referred to professional services outside the school;
- I. Expulsion.

The Board recognizes that the above list of consequences is not exhaustive in scope or sequence. In such, the Board recognizes the authority of the principal to use discretion and professional judgment in assigning consequences not included in the above list. However, no such action shall conflict with local, state, or federal code or with generally accepted educational practice.

The Board mandates that consequences shall not place any student in a position where s/he is exposed to potential health or safety hazards or to consequences designed to humiliate the student.

Examples of forbidden consequences or practices:

- the cleaning of school restrooms, shower facilities, or vomitus
- being placed outside the classroom unsupervised
- being required to do push-ups

Consequences by Campus

HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL General Discipline Consequences

1. **Public Display of Affection.** Inappropriate contact (kissing, inappropriate touching, etc....) Students will receive a warning for the first violation and then depending upon the severity of any further violation will receive either noon detention, ISS or OSS.
2. **Insubordination.** Willful disobedience and misconduct in class or on campus.
 - 1st offense – warning or up to five (5) days of detention or one (1) day of ISS, depending upon the nature.
 - 2nd offense – three (3) days of ISS.
 - 3rd offense – five (5) days of ISS.
 - 4th offense – OSS up to ten (10) days with three (3) days being the minimum.
3. **School Conduct.** Running in the halls is prohibited unless in PE or at recess. Scuffling, pushing and shoving (horseplay) are definitely forbidden. This also includes any other unnecessary actions.
 - 1st offense – warning or up to five (5) days of detention.
 - 2nd offense – three (3) days of ISS.
 - 3rd offense – five (5) days of ISS.
 - 4th offense – OSS up to ten (10) days with three (3) days being the minimum.

4. **Disorderly Conduct.** Verbal abuse or verbal assault another student or inciting other students to fight.
 - 1st offense – warning or up to five (5) days of detention
 - 2nd offense – three (3) days of ISS.
 - 3rd offense – three (3) days of OSS.
 - 4th offense – five (5) days of OSS.
 - 5th offense – ten (10) days of OSS with a recommendation for expulsion being made to the Superintendent.

5. **Tobacco.** Use or possession of tobacco in any form will not be permitted. This includes e-Cigarettes/Vapes and similar type products. This rule applies to school grounds, school buses, or at school-sponsored activities.
 - 1st offense – three (3) days ISS, Complete student/parent intervention plan #1, parent meeting with principal.
 - 2nd offense – five (5) days ISS, complete student/parent intervention plan #2, parent meeting with principal.
 - 3rd offense – five (5) days OSS, parent meeting with principal.
 - 4th offense – ten (10) days OSS with a recommendation for expulsion being made to the Superintendent.

6. **Fighting.** Any student who physically strikes another student with the intent to do bodily harm. Since it is hard to determine who started the fight, both parties will receive the punishment.
 - 1st offense – three (3) days of OSS.
 - 2nd offense – five (5) days of OSS.
 - 3rd offense – ten (10) days OSS with the recommendation for expulsion being made to the Superintendent.

NOTE: STUDENTS WHO ENGAGE IN FIGHTING DURING AN ASSEMBLY WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE 5 DAYS OF OSS, DUE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF WHERE THE FIGHT IS OCCURRING.

7. **Profanity and Obscene Gestures.** In the event that a student uses vulgar, obscene, profane, insinuating, suggestive, insulting language or gestures in the hearing or sight of a school employee, the following punishment will be carried out.
 - 1st offense - 1st offense - 1 day noon detention
 - 2nd offense - 2nd offense - 3 days noon detention
 - 3rd offense – 3rd offense - 1 day of ISS
 - 4th offense – 4th offense - 3 days of ISS

8. **Pornographic or Inappropriate Material.** In the event that a student brings or is caught with any material that is of a pornographic or inappropriate nature, the following punishments be administered: Parents/guardians need to be contacted
 - 1st offense – three (3) days of ISS.
 - 2nd offense – three (3) days of OSS.
 - 3rd offense - five (5) days of OSS.
 - 4th offense - ten (10) days of OSS with a recommendation for expulsion being made to the Superintendent.

9. **Electronic Communication Devices.** Any students who are found using a cell phone pager or any other electronic communication device in violation of Policy JV will receive the following punishments:
 - 1st offense - 1 day of noon detention
 - 2nd offense - 3 days noon detention and student can pick up phone at the end of the day
 - 3rd offense - 1 day of ISS and parents called
 - 4th offense - 3 days of ISS

10. **Laser pointers.** Students shall not possess any hand-held laser pointer while in school; on or about school property, before or after school; in attendance at school or any school-sponsored activity; on route to or from school or any school-sponsored activity; off the school grounds at any school bus stop or at any school-sponsored activity or event. School personnel shall seize any laser pointer from the student possessing it and the student may reclaim it at the close of the school year, or when the student is no longer enrolled in the District.

- 11. Cheating.** If a student is caught cheating in a class, he/she will lose credit for his/her work. A student caught cheating for the second time in the same class will be dropped one letter grade for the semester. If a student is caught cheating a third time in the same class, he/she will lose credit for the class.
- 12. Criminal Acts** - Reasons for suspension or expulsion. The commission of or participation in criminal acts in school buildings, on school property, or at school-sponsored events by students is prohibited by school regulation. Disciplinary action will be taken by school authorities against students involved in criminal acts regardless of whether or not criminal charges result. The follow activities are among those defined as criminal under the Laws of the State of Arkansas: however, criminal activities considered under this regulation are not limited to this list.
- 13. Abnormal or Irrational Behavior:** Any student whose actions are abnormal or irrational shall be suspended from school by the principal or designee.
- 14. Arson:** The intentional setting of fire.
- 15. Student Assault and Battery:** A student shall not threaten, physically abuse, or attempt to physically abuse, or behave in such a way as to be perceived to threaten bodily harm to any other person (student, school employee, or school visitor). Any gestures, vulgar, abusive or insulting language, taunting, threatening, harassing, or intimidating remarks by a student toward another person that threatens their well-being is strictly forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, fighting, racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual slurs.

Furthermore, it is unlawful, during regular school hours, and in a place where a public school employee is required to be in the course of his or her duties, for any person to address a public school employee using language which, in its common understanding, is calculated to: a) cause a breach of the peace; b) materially and substantially interfere with the operation of the school; c) arouse the person to whom it is addressed to anger, to the extent likely to cause imminent retaliation. Students guilty of such an offense may be subject to legal proceedings in addition to student disciplinary measures.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-17-106 (a) Date Adopted: 6.13.2019

- 16. Burglary and Larceny (Theft):** Stealing of school or personal property.
- 17. Extortion, Blackmail or Coercion:** Obtaining money or property by violence or threat of force
- 18. Possession of a Firearm or Weapon:** No student shall possess a weapon, display what appears to be a weapon, or threaten to use a weapon while in school, on or about school property, before or after school, in attendance at school or any school sponsored activity, on route to or from school or any school sponsored activity, off the school grounds at any school bus stop, or at any school sponsored activity or event. Military personnel, such as ROTC cadets, acting in the course of their official duties are exempted.

A weapon is defined as any firearm; knife; razor; ice pick; dirk; box cutter; nunchucks; pepper spray, mace, or other noxious spray; explosive; Taser or other instrument that uses electrical current to cause neuromuscular incapacitation; or any other instrument or substance capable of causing bodily harm. For the purposes of this policy, "firearm" means any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or any device readily convertible to that use.

Possession means having a weapon, as defined in this policy, on the student's body or in an area under his/her control. If a student discovers prior to any questioning or search by any school personnel that he/she has accidentally brought a weapon, other than a firearm, to school on his/her person, in a book bag/purse, or in his/her vehicle on school grounds, and the student informs the principal or a staff person immediately, the student will not be considered to be in possession of a weapon unless it is a firearm. The weapon shall be confiscated and held in the office until such time as the student's parent/legal guardian shall pick up the weapon from the school's office. Repeated offenses are unacceptable and shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the student as otherwise provided for in this policy.

Except as permitted in this policy, students found to be in possession on the school campus of a firearm shall be recommended for expulsion for a period of not less than one year. The superintendent shall have the discretion to modify such expulsion recommendation for a student on a case-by-case basis. Parents or legal guardians of students expelled under this policy shall be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental

responsibility for allowing a child to possess a firearm on school property. Parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to readmitting the student. Parents or legal guardians of a student enrolling from another school after the expiration of an expulsion period for a firearm policy violation shall also be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a firearm on school property. The parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to the student being enrolled in school.

The mandatory expulsion requirement for possession of a firearm does not apply to a firearm brought to school for the purpose of participating in activities approved and authorized by the district that include the use of firearms. Such activities may include ROTC programs, hunting safety or military education, or before or after-school hunting or rifle clubs. Firearms brought to school for such purposes shall be brought to the school employee designated to receive such firearms. The designated employee shall store the firearms in a secure location until they are removed for use in the approved activity.

The district shall report any student who brings a firearm to school to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system by notifying local law enforcement.

Cross Reference: Policy EXPULSION

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-502 (c) (2)(A)(B), A.C.A. § 6-18-507 (e) (1)(2), A.C.A. § 6-21-608, A.C.A. § 5-4-201

A.C.A. § 5-4-401, A.C.A. § 5-27-210, A.C.A. § 5-73-119(b)(e)(8)(9)(10), A.C.A. § 5-73-133, 20 USC § 7151

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19. Malicious Mischief: Willful destruction of property.

20. Robbery: Taking property from an individual by force or threat of force.

21. Sale, Use, or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages, Illegal, or other Controlled Substances:

An orderly and safe school environment that is conducive to promoting student achievement requires a student population free from the deleterious effects of alcohol and drugs. Their use is illegal, disruptive to the educational environment, and diminishes the capacity of students to learn and function properly in our schools.

Therefore, no student in the Gentry School District shall possess, attempt to possess, consume, use, distribute, sell, buy, attempt to sell, attempt to buy, give to any person, or be under the influence of any substance as defined in this policy, or what the student represents or believes to be any substance as defined in this policy. This policy applies to any student who: is on or about school property; is in attendance at school or any school sponsored activity; has left the school campus for any reason and returns to the campus; or is on route to or from school or any school sponsored activity.

Prohibited substances shall include, but are not limited to, alcohol, or any alcoholic beverage, inhalants or any ingestible matter that alter a student's ability to act, think, or respond, LSD, or any other hallucinogen, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, or any other narcotic drug, PCP, E-cigarettes/Vapes containing THC, amphetamines, steroids, "designer drugs," look-alike drugs, or any controlled substance..

Selling, distributing, or attempting to sell or distribute, or using over-the-counter or prescription drugs not in accordance with the recommended dosage is prohibited.

Consequences:

A student who possesses, sells, uses, attempts to sell, distribute, or give to any person any prohibited substance as defined in policy (JGEB) and /or drug paraphernalia will be reported to legal authorities and will be recommended for expulsion.