

2021-2022 Cave City Discipline Policies

4.17—STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Cave City Board of Education has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the District's students and employees. To help maintain a safe environment conducive to high student achievement, the Board establishes policies necessary to regulate student behavior to promote an orderly school environment that is respectful of the rights of others and ensures the uniform enforcement of student discipline. Students are responsible for their conduct that occurs:

- At any time on the school grounds;
- Off school grounds at a school sponsored function, activity, or event; and
- Going to and from school or a school activity.

The District's administrators may also take disciplinary action against a student for off-campus conduct occurring at any time that would have a detrimental impact on school discipline, the educational environment, or the welfare of the students and/or staff. A student who has committed a criminal act while off campus and whose presence on campus could cause a substantial disruption to school or endanger the welfare of other students or staff is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Such acts could include, but are not limited to: a felony or an act that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult; an assault or battery; drug law violations; or sexual misconduct of a serious nature. Any disciplinary action pursued by the District shall be in accordance with the student's appropriate due process rights.¹

The District shall incorporate the districts implementation of positive behavioral supports in accordance with Policy 4.60 in the application of student discipline.

The District's personnel policy committees shall annually review the District's student discipline policies, including State and District student discipline data, and may recommend changes in the policies to the Cave City School Board. The Board has the responsibility of determining whether to approve any recommended changes to student discipline policies.

The District's student discipline policies shall be distributed to each student during the first week of school each year and to new students upon their enrollment. Each student's parent, ~~or~~ legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis shall sign and return to the school an acknowledgement form documenting that they have received the policies.

The District shall develop and provide programs, measures, or alternative means and methods for continued student engagement and educational access during periods of suspension or expulsion.

The superintendent is authorized to modify the penalties set forth in the District's student discipline policies on a case-by-case basis.

It is required by law that the principal or the person in charge report to the police any incidents the person has personal knowledge of or has received information leading to a reasonable belief that a person has committed or threatened to commit an act of violence or any crime involving a deadly weapon on school property or while under school supervision. If the person making the report is not the Superintendent, that person shall also inform the Superintendent of the incident. Additionally, the principal shall inform any school employee or other person who initially reported the incident that a report has been made to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board of Directors of any such report made to law enforcement.

The superintendent shall make a report annually to the Board of Directors on student discipline data, which shall include, without limitation: the number of incidents of bullying reported and the actions taken regarding the reported incidents of bullying.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Consequences for inappropriate behavior are listed and may be assigned at the discretion of the principal or assistant principal depending upon the discipline record of the student and the severity of the offense. The principal may decide on specific offenses not listed in the handbook.

Corporal Punishment

Counseling

Detention

Expulsion

Fines for damages

Inschool Suspension

Legal Proceedings

Loss of extracurricular activities

Loss of Privileges

Out of school Suspension

Parent Conference

Principal Conference

Saturday School* If appropriate on that campus

Student Conference

Suspension from Bus

Warning

Zero on work

STUDENT DISCIPLINE-GENERAL STATEMENT

A student may be disciplined-up to and including suspended or expelled-for immorality, refractory conduct, insubordination, infectious disease, habitual uncleanliness, or other conduct that would tend to impair the discipline of the school or harm other pupils, regardless of whether the student's conduct occurs during school or at a school activity, regardless of whether a

specific prohibition of the conduct is contained in this student handbook. Minimum consequence would be a conference with student and maximum consequence would be expulsion.

4.18—PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Students and staff require a safe and orderly learning environment that is conducive to high student achievement. Certain student behaviors are unacceptable in such an environment and are hereby prohibited by the Board. Prohibited behaviors include, but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Disrespect for school employees and failing to comply with their reasonable directions or otherwise demonstrating insubordination;
2. Disruptive behavior that interferes with orderly school operations;
3. Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening to assault or physically abusing any student or school employee;
4. Possession of any weapon that can reasonably be considered capable of causing bodily harm to another individual;
5. Possession or use of tobacco in any form on any property owned or leased by any public school;
6. Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing school property;
7. Possession of any paging device, beeper, or similar electronic communication devices on the school campus during normal school hours unless specifically exempted by the administration for health or other compelling reasons;
8. Possession, selling, distributing, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, any illegal drug, unauthorized inhalants, or the inappropriate use or sharing of prescription or over the counter drugs, or other intoxicants, or anything represented to be a drug;
9. Sharing, diverting, transferring, applying to others (such as needles or lancets), or in any way misusing medication or any medical supplies in their possession;
10. Inappropriate public displays of affection;
11. Cheating, copying, or claiming another person's work to be his/her own;
12. Gambling;
13. Inappropriate student dress;
14. Use of vulgar, profane, or obscene language or gestures;
15. Truancy;
16. Excessive tardiness;
17. Engaging in behavior designed to taunt, degrade, or ridicule another person on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability;
18. Possess, view, distribute or electronically transmit sexually explicit or vulgar images or representations, whether electronically, on a data storage device, or in hard copy form;
19. Hazing, or aiding in the hazing of another student;
20. Gangs or gang-related activities, including belonging to secret societies of any kind, are forbidden on school property. Gang insignias, clothing, “throwing signs” or other gestures associated with gangs are prohibited;
21. Sexual harassment;
22. Bullying;
23. Operating a vehicle on school grounds while using a wireless communication device; and

24. Theft of another individual's personal property.

The Board directs each school in the District to develop implementation regulations for prohibited student conduct consistent with applicable Board policy, State and Federal laws, and judicial decisions.

4.19—CONDUCT TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

The District's Student Code of conduct applies to students while traveling to and from school or to and from a school activity to the same extent as if the students were on school grounds. Appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken against commuting students who violate the District's sStudent eCode of eConduct.

The preceding paragraph also applies to student conduct while on school buses. Students shall be instructed in safe riding practices.¹ The driver of a school bus shall not operate the school bus until every passenger is seated. In addition to other disciplinary measures provided for violations of the District's Student Code of Conduct, the student's bus transportation privileges may be suspended or terminated for violations of the Student Code of Conduct related to bus behavior.

The transportation to and from school of students who have lost their bus transportation privileges is the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian.

Students are eligible to receive district bus transportation if they meet the following requirements:

Regulations for riding Cave City Buses:

1. All passenger are under the supervision of the driver and must obey the driver at all times without question
2. Bus passengers will conduct themselves at all times in a manner that does not distract the driver's attention, or does not disturb other passengers.
3. Be at the school bus stop at the scheduled time. Stand back about ten feet from the edge of the road and wait until the bus door is opened before approaching the bus. Do Not play in the road while waiting for the bus.
4. Before crossing the road to enter the bus, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the driver will signal for you to cross in front of the bus. Always stay in the driver's sight. In addition to the driver's signal, and before stepping in front of the bus, stop and make sure there are no vehicles moving toward the bus from either direction.
5. If you miss the bus, do not attempt to ride another bus. Return to your home and notify the school. If you miss the bus in the afternoon, go to the office and inform the office staff.
6. Enter and leave the bus quickly and in an orderly manner.
7. Do not enter or leave the school bus by the back door except in the case of an emergency or unless directed to do so by the driver.
8. If you must cross the road after leaving the bus in the afternoon, go to a point on the shoulder of the road ten feet in front of the bus, and wait until the driver has signaled for you to cross in front of the

bus. In addition to the drivers signal, and before stepping in front of the bus, stop and make sure there are no vehicles moving toward the bus from either direction. Absolutely no running.

9. Parents must send a note of call if they wish for their child to ride a different bus, or to depart the bus at a stop other than their regular scheduled stop. The student may not be able to ride a bus that is not his/her own without the driver being notified properly.

10. The driver may interpret these policies or add to them in light of his/her bus needs. In case of misconduct the driver should bring the student to the principal's office.

11. In accordance with Act 247 of 2005, a person over eighteen (18) is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if the person:

- A. Enters a school bus with the intent to commit a criminal offense
- B. Enters a school bus and disregards the orders or instructions of the driver
- C. Enters a school bus and refuses to leave the bus after being ordered to do so by the driver
- D. Intentionally causes or attempts to cause a disruption or an annoyance to another person on the bus
- E. Recklessly engages in conduct that creates a substantial risk of creating apprehension in any person on the bus.

Not permitted on the bus-

- 1. No eating or drinking on the bus
- 2. Do not change seats while the bus is in motion
- 3. Do not tamper with any of the bus equipment or controls
- 4. Do not place any part of your body or any object outside the bus
- 5. Do not deface the bus or litter on the bus
- 6. No tobacco products on the bus
- 7. Do not ask the driver to stop at any location other than a scheduled stop.
- 8. Do not block the aisle
- 9. Do not bring sharp objects on the bus
- 10. Do not horseplay or foul language
- 11. Do not play radios, CD players or instruments without the use of headphones

This list is not meant to be a complete list of do's and don'ts. These regulations are set to ensure that all students riding a bus are transported as safely as possible. It is a privilege to ride on a bus. Each student on the bus has an obligation to behave in a manner that ensures the safety of all passengers on the bus. Cave City School District will take seriously its obligation to ensure students a safe and orderly environment on the school bus.

Damages to a bus by a student will result in that student paying restitution to the school.

The superintendent or his/her designee shall annually establish the routes and may modify them as needed.

4.20—DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL

No student shall by the use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or any other conduct, intentionally cause the disruption of any lawful mission, process, or function of the school, or engage in any such conduct for the purpose of causing disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process, or function. Nor shall any student encourage any other student to engage in such activities.

Disorderly activities by any student or group of students that adversely affect the school's orderly educational environment shall not be tolerated at any time on school grounds. Teachers may remove from class and send to the principal or principal's designee office a student whose behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to teach the students, the class, or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn. Students who refuse to leave the classroom voluntarily will be escorted from the classroom by the school administration.