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## **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

### **PIGGOTT HIGH SCHOOL**

This statement of disciplinary policy is not intended to encompass the full range of district policy. A copy of the full and official manual on student discipline is available in the principal's office. The policies are provided to the parents and students to advise them of the rules and procedures by which district policy on student discipline is administered.

Discipline usually follows a sequential order of penalty, but may vary due to the principal's discretion. The following examples could vary depending on the particular violation(s) and the teacher's classroom rules and consequences. Usually the order of penalty will follow a "minimum to maximum" consequences; where minimum is a warning and maximum is expulsion.

### **CLASSROOM RULES**

1. Students will be in the classroom when the tardy bell rings.
2. Students will keep their hands, feet and objects to themselves.  
Please respect the property of others by leaving it alone.
3. Acts of misbehavior such as disruptive talking, horseplay, profanity, etc. which result in disrupting the learning process are considered inappropriate.
4. Students will not run, push others, or speak loudly in the halls or classrooms.
5. Students will show respect to all school employees and school guests.
6. Students will follow the directions of the teachers.
7. Students will not have food or drink in the classrooms without prior approval from the principal.

Classroom rules and procedures and penalties for violation of these rules will be taught to the students. Each teacher will be allowed to adopt additional rules to govern special problem areas. These rules will be

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approved by the principal prior to implementation. **Disciplinary action for violation of classroom rules will be a warning, detention (Before/After School or Lunch), parent notification and conference, corporal punishment, extra work, or suspension.**

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**MAJOR VIOLATIONS**

These violations are considered severe and will result in severe punishment. This punishment will take the form of suspension, a recommendation for expulsion, and notification of the police if necessary.

**ACT 67113**

1. Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening to assault or abuse any teacher, principal, superintendent, or other employee of the school district. School time and school events are included in this statement. Action of this type by students during times not involving the school but which action results from some events related to the school will be reported to the local police or sheriff for disposition.
2. Possession by students of any firearms, weapons, or other objects which might be considered a weapon and dangerous to the public welfare is prohibited. Pocketknives are also prohibited. State law, Act 968 of 1995, requires the student to be expelled for a period not less than one year. Non-students found on campus or at school events in this category will be reported to appropriate local authorities.
3. Students shall not possess drug paraphernalia or possess, use or be under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance while on school premises, going to and from different campuses, or while attending any school-sponsored function. Students will receive an out-of-school suspension for 10 days with a possibility of expulsion. Determination of the penalty will be based on the severity of the infraction and if the student is a repeat offender.
4. Any student attempting to sell, trade, give, or otherwise transmit drugs or alcohol to anyone else on the school grounds, or at a school activity, whether on campus or off campus, will be expelled for the expelled for the rest of the school year and receive no credit. All drug and alcohol cases involving the Piggott School will also be turned over to the county sheriff's office, the local police, and the state police for further investigation and possible charges.
5. Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing school property or the property of others during school activities. Parents of any minor student will be liable for damages and restitution. The student will be suspended from school and recommended for expulsion.

Any senior who willfully commits any or all of the major violations during the last week of school loses his/her privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony.

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Any student who is found guilty of a major violation according to the handbook will not be exempt from any semester tests at the end of the semester.

**OTHER CONDUCT NOT PERMITTED**

Violation of these rules will result in discipline as outlined below. Any of these violations deemed as severe will result in suspension and/or recommendation of expulsion. All Students are to follow the directives set forth by the Arkansas Activities Association, Arkansas Department of Health, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Governor.

1. **Insubordination** - It will be considered insubordination when a student refuses to obey rules of the school or reasonable instructions of school district personnel.

**Disciplinary Actions**

1st offense - warning

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2nd offense - corporal punishment, detention, ISS or suspension

### *ACT 1281*

*If a teacher removes a student twice during a 9-week period, he/she has the right to not allow the student to return to class without having a meeting with the principal, school counselor, teacher, and parents/guardian.*

2. **Skipping Class** - Students are not to leave the campus or skip class/lunch without permission from the principal.

#### **Disciplinary Actions**

1st offense - corporal punishment or ISS

2nd offense - three (3) days out of school

3rd offense - five (5) days out of school

### 3. **Smoking and Smokeless Tobacco**

High school students are not to be in possession of tobacco products. With the exception of recognized tobacco cessation products, this policy's prohibition includes any tobacco or nicotine delivery system or product. Specifically, the prohibition includes any product that is manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as

e-cigarettes, e-cigars, Juuls, or under any other name or description. The police may issue a citation at their discretion.

1st offense - three (3) days of OSS and parent notification

2nd offense - five (5) days of OSS and parent notification

3rd offense - ten (10) days of OSS and parent notification

### 4. **Appearance and Dress Code**

Inappropriate distracting forms of dress by either boys or girls will not be permitted at school or at school sponsored events.

Fashions or styles which are dangerous to the individual in

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certain classes or present a health hazard are forbidden. Specific regulations are as follows:

A. Clothing that bears writings or slogans that may be considered profane, indecent, or promotes the use of narcotics, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco will not be tolerated.

B. No spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, crop tops, and strapless blouses/dresses will be allowed. Shirts or blouses that expose a person's midriff will not be allowed. To determine if shirts/blouses are too short, students will be asked to stand and extend their arms out to the side and parallel to the floor. If in this position the midriff is exposed, the shirt/ blouse is considered too short and therefore not permissible at school. C. Pajama bottoms, pajama tops, house shoes, and blankets are

NOT permitted.

D. Any clothing/shorts deemed questionable or suggestive by school administrators will be forbidden.

E. *According to House Bill 1936, The General Assembly finds that the wearing of clothing that exposes underwear, buttock, or the breast of a female by students in the public schools often preoccupies and distracts students from their major*

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*purpose for being in school, that of becoming educated in English, History, and other subjects. Public schools should encourage and train students to dress in a manner that would be acceptable in a workplace. Math, Science,*

Students who do not conform to the dress code will be asked to call a parent/guardian to bring them proper clothing that will comply with the above rules and regulations. Students will remain in the office until proper school attire is delivered. If a student refuses to contact a parent/guardian or the parent or guardian cannot bring proper clothing to school, they will be required to wear clothing provided by the school until the end of the school day.

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Students who continually do not meet dress code or refuse to wear clothing provided by the school in instances when parents or guardians cannot bring proper attire to school will be subject to discipline including, but not limited to detention, in-school suspension, Saturday School, corporal punishment, out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

#### **Disciplinary Actions**

- 1st offense – conference-change and/or confiscation
- 2nd offense – one day ISS
- 3rd offense – suspension

5. **Fighting** - Fights will be investigated thoroughly to establish if either or both parties are at fault. One or both parties will be punished according to the situation. In the event that fault cannot be established, both parties will be punished. Police may be notified at the Administrator's discretion. Cameras in the hallways and classrooms will be used in investigating the situation.

#### **Disciplinary Actions**

- 1st offense – three-day suspension
- 2nd offense – five-day suspension
- 3rd offense – 10 day suspension with a recommendation the suspension be extended expulsion
- 4th offense – expulsion
- a. The administrator has the authority to lessen the suspension days if it is determined the student was not the aggressor and/or was only defending himself/herself.

6. **Hall and Sidewalk Behavior** - Running and pushing in the halls or on the sidewalks can be dangerous and disruptive; it is, therefore, prohibited. Punishment will be a warning, corporal punishment, or ISS. (Skateboarding will not be allowed at anytime on campus.)

7. **Tampering of the Magnetic Doors** will result in the following disciplinary actions: **Disciplinary Actions**

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1st offense - Warning  
2nd offense - 1 day ISS  
3rd offense - 3 days of OSS  
4th offense - 5 days of OSS

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8. **Theft** - A student will not steal or attempt to steal property belonging to the school or private individuals. Students and/or their parents will be required to make restitution.

**Disciplinary Actions**

1st offense - corporal punishment, ISS, or suspension  
2nd offense - suspension, a recommendation for expulsion, and notification of police

**Gambling** - Gambling or wagering is prohibited.

9. **Disciplinary Actions**

1st offense - warning

2nd offense - ISS, corporal punishment or suspension and notification and conference parent

10. **Public Display of Affection** - Public display of affection is not appropriate behavior for students at school. Social distancing guide lines need to be enforced. **Disciplinary Actions**

1st offense - warning  
2nd offense - one (1) day of ISS  
3rd offense - three (3) days of OSS and parent notification

Indecent or immoral acts of behavior may result in more severe punishment.

11. **Chronic Misbehavior** - Repeated violation of rules or constant disruption or trouble making will result in suspension or a recommendation for expulsion.

12. **Use** of cell phones and ear buds other than in the cafeteria is prohibited. Students may only use their cell phones during breakfast and their lunch break. Students are not allowed to use phones in hallways and classrooms. Cell phones used during statewide testing will result in the harsher disciplinary actions. The principal must approve the use of cellphones in the classroom.

(\*Students may carry cell phones on school trips.)

**Disciplinary Actions**

1st offense - 1 day ISS  
2nd offense - 3 days of OSS  
3rd offense - 5 days of OSS

13. **Bullying** - Refer to Piggott School District section of this handbook for policy

**Disciplinary Actions**

1st offense - warning, corporal punishment, ISS, or suspension  
2nd offense - five (5) day suspension and police notification  
3rd offense - ten (10) day suspension or expulsion, police notification  
4th offense - expulsion and police notification 34

14. **Behavior Not Specifically Covered** - The Administration reserves the right to punish behavior which is not conducive to good order in the schools even though such behavior is not specified in the preceding written rules.