

DISCIPLINE

This statement of disciplinary policy is not intended to encompass the full range of district policy. Policies are provided to parents and students to advise them of the rules and procedures, by which district policy on student discipline is administered.

Each teacher is responsible for his/her classroom discipline. Classroom rules should be posted on the wall along with the disciplinary action(s) that will be administered for the rule violation. Should a teacher find it necessary to send a student to the office, the principal will then decide the course of action to take. This could range from a warning to a suspension. Since the teacher has gone through his/her procedures, the principal has the authority to use any disciplinary measure available.

MAJOR CONDUCT NOT PERMITTED

1. **Non-compliance (Insubordination)**

A student shall not refuse to comply with reasonable directions/ commands (including those outlined in this handbook) of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teacher's aides, principals, administrative personnel, school bus drivers, or other authorized personnel. Minimum penalty is a warning. Maximum penalty is expulsion.

2. **Disruption and/or interference with school**

No student shall block a corridor or doorway; prevent students from attending a class or activity; block normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic; use violence; fear, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, harassment, passive resistance, or any other conduct intentionally to cause a disruption; refuse to identify him/herself on request; or encourage other students to violate any rule or school board policy.

Minimum penalty is a warning. Maximum penalty is expulsion.

3. **Immorality and/or obscenity**

A student shall abstain from indecent and/or immoral acts. Shall not possess or use obscenity (including obscene language, either written or verbal, pictures, or gestures).

4. **Fireworks**

A student shall not possess, handle, or store fireworks that reasonably could be a danger to a student (or others), cause damage to the school property, and/or be disruptive to the learning climate of the school. Setting off fireworks will result in a stiff penalty to be determined by the administration.

5. **Gambling**

A student shall not participate in any activity which may be termed gambling or wagering where the stakes are money or any other object(s) of value. Minimum penalty is a warning. Maximum penalty is expulsion.

6. **Physical abuse or assault of school staff**

A student shall not threaten, cause or attempt to cause physical injury to a school employee, fellow student, or any other individual.

7. **Student fighting**

An attempt will be made to determine guilt. If both parties are found guilty, both will receive corporal punishment. If one party is found guilty, corporal punishment will be administered to that party. After investigation of the event, suitable punishment will be assigned.

IF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IS REFUSED, THE STUDENT WILL BE SUSPENDED.

8. **Bomb threat**

A bomb threat is considered a felony by the police and will not be tolerated by the school. Anyone guilty of making a bomb threat will be immediately suspended from school, turned over to the police, and taken before the school board for further disciplinary action, which could include expulsion.

9. **Possession of any firearm or other weapon on school property IS PROHIBITED.**

ACT 1282 prohibits firearms on school property, school buses, or school bus stops (anyone). Student possession of any firearms, weapons, or other object which might be considered a weapon and danger to the public welfare is prohibited. Pocket Knives are prohibited. Possession of a blade of three and one-half inches long, or longer, may result in a one-year expulsion. State law: ACT 968

requires a student who possesses a firearm on school property to be expelled for a period of not less than one year. Penalty: Immediate police notification and automatic expulsion from school for not less than one year. Non-student (in this category) found on campus or at school events will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

10. **Using or offering (for sale or for free) beer, alcoholic beverages, or drugs on school property is prohibited.**

A student shall not possess, sell, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, or other controlled substance as defined in Arkansas Act 590 of 1977, as amended, or a beverage containing alcohol or intoxicant of any kind. Exception: controlled substance(s) may be used by a student who has a prescription for the substance, providing the substance remains in the container in which it was obtained from the doctor or pharmacist and is kept and dispensed in the office, or there is a documented exception from the school nurse.

11. **Tobacco**

The Piggott Elementary School is a tobacco free campus. No student will be allowed to smoke or use other tobacco products while on campus or participating in any school sponsored activity. Students will not have tobacco products on their person or in their lockers, backpacks, etc. Minimum penalty is a warning. Maximum penalty is expulsion.

12. **No student shall use or possess E-cigs/vapes/Juuls or any type of tobacco dispensing product.**

Minimum penalty for possession of will be a warning. Maximum penalty for possession will be a suspension. The product will be confiscated and reported to the Piggott School Police Department. Minimum penalty for use will be a suspension. Maximum penalty for use will be an expulsion. The product will be confiscated and reported to the Piggott Police Department.

- All vape and pod contents will be tested for drugs.
- If drugs are detected in a vape, the district drug policy will be followed in addition to the vape policy.
- All confiscated vapes, vape products, pods, and charges will be confiscated and turned over to law enforcement.
- Students may complete work virtually during OSS

- Fees will be assessed to offset the cost of drug testing kits
- Restitution for damage to school property(ceiling tiles, sinks, damage to detectors, etc.)
- Other fees and consequences as determined by the Clay County Juvenile Office.
- This policy will apply to any school sponsored event or activity.

14. **Damage or Destruction of Property**

A student shall not cause damage to property belonging to the school or public or private property while the student and/or the property is under the jurisdiction of the school. Note: The student and/or parents are responsible for restitution of damages and shall be subject to other disciplinary measures. Should the damage constitute a felony, the student shall be turned over to the police. Minimum penalty is a warning. Maximum is penalty is expulsion.

15. **Theft**

A student shall not steal or attempt to steal property belonging to the school, staff, or other students, or public or private property while under the supervision of the school. Note: The student and/or parents shall make restitution of any property stolen and shall be subject to other disciplinary measures. Minimum penalty is a warning. Maximum penalty is expulsion.

16. **Additional provisions/penalty**

Parents/guardians of any minor student under the age of 18 and living with the parent/guardians may be liable for damages by said minor in the amount not in excess of \$2000 dollars.

17. **Public display of affection (PDA)**

PDA is not appropriate for students at school. Indecent or immoral acts may result in a server penalty. Minimum penalty is a warning.

Maximum penalty is expulsion.

18. **Possession by a student of any cell phone, CD player, or similar device is prohibited.** Minimum penalty is a warning. Maximum penalty is expulsion.

19. **Chronic Misbehavior**

Repeated violation of rules or constant disruption or trouble making will result in suspension or a recommendation for expulsion. The district reserves the right to punish behavior, which is not conducive to good order and discipline, even though such behavior is not specified in the preceding rules.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Disciplinary usually follows a sequential order of penalty, but may vary due to the principal's direction. 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 this "minimum to maximum" consequences outline:

1. Warning
2. Extra work/work detail
3. Detention
4. In-school suspension
5. Corporal punishment (as defined in the Piggott School District section of this handbook)
6. Out-of-school suspension: the principal may, on a teacher recommendation, suspend a student from school a maximum of ten (10) days for each offense.