

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty includes the following: any action involving cheating or deception done to improve a student's grade and any action that aids another student in committing an act of academic dishonesty. Some examples of academic dishonesty are copying tests or homework answers, copying written material and presenting it as one's own, letting another student copy one's work or screenshotting tests or homework answers, copying written material and presenting it as one's own, and letting another student copy one's work, or giving another student access to work or files. Any use of an electronic translator such as, but not limited to Google Translate, on assignments, projects, or assessments in World Language classes is also considered academic dishonesty

Students involved in cheating on classwork, tests, homework assignments, research papers, etc. will be penalized. A portion of the penalty will include a zero for the assignment with no opportunity for making up the work. The teacher will submit a discipline referral to the students assigned assistant principal.

1st Offense- Teacher contacts parent, conference with principal, zero on assignment

2nd Offense- Zero on assignment, parent contacted, 2 Saturday school detentions assigned

3rd Offense- Zero on assignment, parent contacted, 5 days In-School Suspension

4th Offense- Zero on assignment, parent contacted, 5-10 days Out of School Suspension

BULLYING

Bullying – In accordance with state law, bullying is defined as intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property; that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of any student without exception; or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or property damage; oral, written, or electronic communication, including name-calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; or threats of reprisal or retaliation for reporting such acts.

Cyberbullying – A form of bullying committed by transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound or image by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer or pager. The district has jurisdiction over cyberbullying that uses the district's technology resources or that originates on district property, at a district activity or on district transportation. Even when cyberbullying does not involve district property, activities or technology resources, the district will impose consequences and discipline for those who engage in cyberbullying if there is a sufficient nexus to the educational environment, the behavior materially and substantially disrupts the educational environment, the communication involves a threat as defined by law, or the district is otherwise allowed by law to address the behavior.

School Day – A day on the school calendar when students are required to attend school.

Students who participate in bullying or who retaliate against anyone who reports bullying will be disciplined in accordance with the district's discipline code. Such discipline may include detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, removal from participation in activities, exclusion from honors and

awards, and other consequences deemed appropriate by the principal or superintendent. The district will also contact law enforcement when required by law or notify social media companies of inappropriate online activity when appropriate.

Even in situations where the district does not have jurisdiction to discipline a student for bullying, such as when the acts take place off campus and there is an insufficient nexus to the district, the principal or designee will take appropriate actions to assist student victims. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, contacting the parents/guardians of the victim and the alleged perpetrators, communicating that this behavior is not allowed on district grounds or at district activities, notifying the appropriate district staff to assist the victim, and taking additional action when appropriate, such as notifying law enforcement or social media companies of inappropriate online activity.

District employees and substitutes who violate this policy will be disciplined or terminated. Discipline may include suspension with or without pay, a negative evaluation, prohibition from being on district property or at district activities, mandated training or other appropriate remedial action. Volunteers who violate this policy will no longer be permitted to volunteer.

DRESS CODE

The Cape Girardeau School District has determined that adoption of standard dress requirements is a necessary component to creating an effective and safe learning environment. The Cape Girardeau Public School District recognizes the value of a student's individual expression; however, style of dress and/or grooming must be within the constraints of reasonable rules and appropriate standards. Adherence to these standards will lead to a safe, secure and orderly educational environment resulting in an effective learning atmosphere for all students.

The dress code policy does not impose dress and grooming rules based on gender that would be in violation of Title IX. Where a bona fide religious belief or health need of a student conflicts with the district's dress code, reasonable accommodations may be requested for approval by the building principal. If a student cannot meet the dress requirements of this policy due to the family's financial condition, the parent or guardian should contact the building principal. The district will refer families to organizations that may assist.

School administration will determine the appropriateness or inappropriateness of the style, manner and fit in which clothing is worn by students.

Student Dress Code Guidelines for Secondary Students

General Information

- Clothing should promote decency and modesty appropriate for a learning environment.
- The district prohibits any clothing that promotes disruptive behavior.
- Undergarments should not be visible.

Shirts/Tops

Permitted:

- Crew-neck T-shirts, collared shirts, and turtleneck shirts.
- Dresses with sleeves and a collar or high crew neck. If designed to button at the neck, no more than the top button shall be unfastened.
- Vests, sweaters, V-neck sweaters, sweatshirts, pullovers, coats, jackets, and hoodies (must have an approved shirt underneath).
- Clothing must have appropriate language and may not contain words or graphics referring to drugs, alcohol or sex

Please note:

- Shirts, designed to button at the neck, shall have no more than the top button unfastened.
- Shirts/Tops and Pants/Bottoms must overlap or be tucked in at all times, including when arms are raised.
- White tops must have either a white undershirt or white or flesh-colored undergarments.

Prohibited:

- V-neck, sheer/mesh/see-through, skin-tight, sleeveless, or excessively large tops.

Pants/Bottoms

Permitted:

- Pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, jumpers and skorts. (Must be no shorter than mid thigh)

Please note:

- All bottoms must fit to waist and be hemmed.

Prohibited:

- Sagging pants, sheer/see-through and over-length styles.
- Holes, tears or mesh in pants showing skin must be no higher than mid thigh.

Accessories

- Head coverings will be allowed as long as the full face can be seen.

Prohibited:

- House shoes, high heels, skates or platform shoes.
- Spiked accessories or chains (including those attached to wallets or belt loops)
- Sunglasses
- Blankets

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Any student found using any electronic device that has not been approved for use inside the building (cell phones, smart watches, personal music players, etc.) will be subject to confiscation of the device and disciplinary action. Usage of electronic devices that have not been approved is prohibited from the time the student enters the school building until the designated dismissal time. Unless deemed acceptable by the building leadership staff.

1st Offense- Principal's warning, device picked up by parent or designated guardian only

2nd Offense- Device kept in office for 5 days, picked up by parent or designated guardian only

3rd Offense- 3 days In-School Suspension, device kept in office for 5 days, picked up by parent

4th Offense- 1-10 In School Suspension or 1-180 Out of School Suspension.

GAMBLING

The wagering, betting or risking of money or other stakes on a school-related activity or event and the act of gambling while on school property is prohibited.

1st Offense- Student assigned two Saturday School Detentions

2nd Offense- 3-5 Days In-School Suspension

3rd Offense- 5 Days Out of School Suspension

4th Offense- 10 Days Out of School Suspension with recommendation of Long Term Suspension

INSUBORDINATION

The refusal to obey legal orders and directives, as issued by voice command or by written policy or procedures, by the school district's administrators, teachers and employees is unacceptable.

LOITERING

Students will not be allowed to congregate in the parking lot before or after school. Any student(s) loitering will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

LOUD MUSIC

Students who play car stereos loudly create a disruption to the learning process that will not be tolerated at Central High School. Students who play loud music on and around the campus will face disciplinary action.

NUISANCE ITEMS

School is no place for nuisance items. Nuisance may be defined as any unnecessary or undesirable objects, which may cause distractions, unsafe situations, inconveniences, wasting of time, or interfere with the orderly routine of school activity. (Examples of nuisance items include, but are not limited to, water guns, toys, radios, video games, cigarette lighters, matches, personal notes, laser pointers, etc.) Nuisance items will be confiscated and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Skateboards should be checked into the office immediately upon arrival at school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT AND MEDICAL EXCUSES

Students will not be excused from physical education classes because they are participating in an interscholastic activity. Credit will not be awarded to a student for participation in an interscholastic activity.

The following procedure is recommended for students scheduled in physical education classes that have a medical excuse: Students with medical excuses are to dress out and remain in the physical education class with written assignments made by the teacher. If the medical excuse extends beyond ten school days, the student will be re-assigned with written assignments made by the teacher. If the medical excuse extends beyond thirty school days, the student will be removed from the class and required to take the course at a later date. Students receiving permanent medical excuse from physical education should ask for a waiver of the physical education requirement for graduation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION LOCKERS

Individual storage lockers are provided in the physical education classes for the safe storage of clothing and personal items. It is the student's responsibility to see that all personal belongings are stored and locked prior to, and after, participating in physical education classes. If you have questions about available locks please contact your physical education instructor. Students will be responsible for securing and returning the lock at the end of the year to the library; if not returned, the student will be charged the schools purchase price of the lock.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NON-DRESS

Students are expected to dress out daily in a complete change of clothing from which was worn to school that day and that still follows the school dress code. Non-marking tennis shoes, crew neck t-shirt with sleeves, and pull-on shorts/pants/sweat pants are needed daily.

- First non-dress: The teacher will have a conference with the student.
- Second non-dress: The teacher will have a conference with student and notify the parents.
- Third non-dress: The student will receive a teacher assigned consequence to be served with the instructor and the instructor will notify the parents.
- Fourth & subsequent non-dresses: The teacher will write a referral and the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken by the administration. The action will range from after school detention to Out-of-School Suspension.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Inappropriate display of affection such as embracing, kissing, and similar conduct may be offensive to other people and is not acceptable at school. All students will refrain from this kind of behavior. Students participating in these types of behaviors will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

- The driver is in charge and students are to follow instructions of the driver.
- Students observe directions of the driver when crossing the street to board or leave the bus.
- Classroom conduct is to be observed by students while riding the bus. (Students should be orderly enough not to distract the driver.)
- Students should go directly to their seats and remain seated while the bus is in motion.

- Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus.
- Keep hands and feet off other students.
- Students should neither purposely nor carelessly damage the bus.
- Students are not to throw objects in the bus or out the window.
- Students should not stand in the roadway while waiting for the bus.
- Use of or the possession of vaping devices, tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or marijuana is prohibited.
- Only eligible bus riders are permitted to ride the bus.
- Disruptive students reported by the driver to the Principal may be suspended from riding the bus.
- Students are to be picked up in the morning and dropped off in the afternoon at their assigned stop unless the Principal gives prior approval of a temporary change in bus stop. Requests for a change should be submitted 24 hours in advance. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities may result in suspension from the bus and/or from school.

TRANSPORTATION DISCIPLINE REFERRALS

1st Offense- Principals conference, parent contact, warning and review of bus rules

2nd Offense- Parent contact, 3-Day Loss of Bus Privileges

3rd Offense- Parent contact, 5-Day Loss of Bus Privileges

4th Offense- Parent contact, 2-Week Loss of Bus Privileges

5th Offense- Parent contact, Semester bus privileges revoked

SEARCHES BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

School lockers and desks are the property of the Board of Education and are provided for the convenience of students, and as such, are subject to periodic inspection without notice. Students or student property may be searched based on reasonable suspicion of a violation of district rules, policy, or state law. Reasonable suspicion must be based on facts known to the administration, credible information provided, or reasonable inference drawn from such facts or information. The privacy and dignity of students shall be respected. Searches shall be carried out in the presences of adult witnesses, and except for emptying pockets, never in front of other students. Students shall not be required to undress, although they may be asked to empty pockets, remove jackets, coats, shoes and other articles of exterior clothing for examination if reasonable under the circumstances.

Students are permitted to park on school premises as a matter of privilege, not of right. The school retains the authority to conduct routine patrols of the student parking lots. The interior of a student's automobile on school premises may be searched if the school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe that illegal, unauthorized or contraband items are contained inside.

Law enforcement officials shall be contacted if the administration reasonably suspects that a student is concealing controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, weapons, stolen goods or evidence of a crime beneath his or her clothing and the student refuses to surrender such articles. Law enforcement officials may be contacted in any case involving a violation of law when a student refuses to allow a search or where the search cannot safely be conducted.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The School District is committed to providing an environment free from intimidating, hostile, or offensive behavior; unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct or communication constituting sexual harassment. Sexual harassment by an employee, student or other person in the district against any person is prohibited. Sexual harassment of students of either sex by employees or other students of the opposite or same sex is strictly prohibited in the Cape Girardeau No. 63 School District. For purposes of sexual harassment and sexual discrimination policies only, an employee includes any person employed by the district, and any student teacher, intern or school volunteer. A student is any person enrolled in the school district or in district instructional programs. Sexual harassment is defined as sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by a member of the school staff to a student or when made by any student to another student when: submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a student's academic status or progress; or submission to or rejection of such conduct by a student is used as the basis for evaluating the student's performance within a course of study or other school-related activity; or such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with a student's educational performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment; or such conduct has the effect of favoring another student. Allegations of sexual harassment shall be investigated and, if substantiated, corrective or disciplinary action taken, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion of the student or suspension and/or termination of the employee.

STUDENTS ON CAMPUS WHILE ASSIGNED TO IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A student who has received an In-School Suspension may be on the school premises only during regular school hours. The student may not be in the school building without the permission of the Principal or of the Assistant Principals. No In-School Suspension student may be on any other school property (elementary, middle, junior, secondary, alternative or vocational) or at a school-sponsored activity (at home or away) during the time of the suspension. Students who violate this policy will be assigned one (1) day of In-School Suspension for each violation.

STUDENTS ON CAMPUS WHILE SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL

Any student on Out-of-School Suspension will not be permitted on the school premises without the permission from the Principal or the Assistant Principal. No student suspended out-of-school may be on any other school property (elementary, middle, junior, alternative, secondary, or vocational) or at a school-sponsored activity (at home or away) during the time of suspension. Students who violate this policy will be suspended an additional day for each violation. **A criminal charge of trespassing may also be filed.**

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

No student will be suspended without an effort being made to notify properly the parent or guardian. Upon the student's return to school, the school will ask for a conference with the parent or guardian and the student. There may also be occasions when other school personnel will be asked to attend the conference. The list below is intended to give examples but is not intended to be all-inclusive. Suspension or expulsion also means suspension from all school functions and cocurricular activities. Failure to abide by this regulation will result in additional suspension time.

SUSPENDED STUDENTS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

A student will not be enrolled until the term of the suspension has expired.

TARDINESS

We believe punctuality is important in building good character. It is based on the understanding of the value of time and proper respect for the other person's right to share it. You have no right to cause other people to lose time that they must share with you. You are to be in your classroom when the tardy bell rings. Your failure to do this will be considered a tardy. Students who are detained by a staff member will not be considered tardy if given a pass from a staff member. Students who are late in arriving to class as a result of doctor or dental appointments will not be considered tardy.

Students who arrive at school between 7:35-8:00 should report to first period class with a written pass from the attendance office. Students arriving after 8:00 will sign in at the Attendance Office and be counted absent for the first period.

VERBAL/WRITTEN ETHNIC SLUR OR RACIAL SLUR OR GESTURE

Any student who writes or uses an ethnic slur, racial slur or demeaning gesture will face disciplinary action ranging from a conference with the Principal to out-of-school suspension for 180 days.

The following infractions, as well as other infractions determined by the principal, will be subject to school disciplinary action and referred to the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Legal determination.

ARSON

Starting a fire or causing an explosion with the intention to damage property or buildings.

ASSAULT/ FIGHTING

Acting with violence toward another person. Attempting to cause injury to another person; intentionally placing a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury. Attempting to kill or cause serious physical injury to another. In addition to school disciplinary action, incidents of fighting may be referred to the police for possible legal action. Minimum consequence for any fight will result in automatic five days of Out of School Suspension.

EXTORTION

Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value will be subject to disciplinary action and referral to the police.

FALSE ALARMS

Tampering with emergency equipment, such as fire extinguishers, setting off false alarms or making false reports will be subject to disciplinary action and referral to the police.

GANG OR CULT ACTIVITY

The Central High School Administration feels that the presence of gangs or cults and gang or cult activities can cause a substantial disruption to good order and discipline in the school and may pose a threat of physical harm to staff and students. The administration works closely with the Cape Girardeau Police Department to identify clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, and other things, which are evidence of membership or affiliation with gangs or cults. In order to prevent disruption and violence, gang, hate, and cult membership and activities are strictly forbidden at school. No student on or about school property or at any school activity shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang, cult, or hate group. Any student wearing gang or cult related clothing i.e. (colors, emblems, bandannas, sagging pants, baggy clothing, jackets, etc.) or, students flashing gang or cult related signs, using gang language, or writing gang or cult graffiti will result in an Out-of-School Suspension up to 180 days.

INCENDIARY DEVICES

Possessing, displaying or using matches, lighters or other devices used to start fires unless required as part of an educational exercise, is supervised by district staff, and has received prior approval from administration.

SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Acts of sex or simulated acts of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Use of unwelcome verbal, written or symbolic language based on gender or of a sexual nature. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, sexual jokes or comments, requests for sexual favors and other unwelcome sexual advances. Unwelcome physical contact based on gender or of a sexual nature. Examples include, but are not limited to, touching or fondling of the genital areas, breasts or undergarments, regardless of whether or not the touching occurred through or under clothing.

SEXUALLY EXPLICIT, VULGAR or VIOLENT MATERIAL

Students may not possess or display, electronically or otherwise, sexually explicit, vulgar or violent material including, but not limited to, pornography or depictions of nudity, violence or explicit death or injury. This prohibition does not apply to curricular material that has been approved by district staff for its educational value. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is protected by law.

STUDENT ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

The Board recognizes its share of responsibility for the health, welfare and safety of the students who attend the Cape Girardeau School District No. 63. Therefore, the use, sale, transfer, possession, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, or controlled substances is prohibited on any school property, on any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; or, at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event, or function off school property, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district.

For the purpose of this policy a controlled substance shall include any controlled substance, counterfeit substance or imitation controlled substance as defined in the Narcotic Drug Act, Section 195.010, RSMO., and in Section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 812 (c).

The school administration or teachers shall have the right to conduct searches, which are reasonable in scope, of persons reasonably suspected to be in violation of this policy during or after school hours on school property, or at any school event, whether at school or at some alternate location. Such searches shall be conducted in accordance with Board policy JFG.

Any student who, after being given an opportunity to present his or her version of the incident, is found by the administration and/or staff to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion or other discipline as provided in the district's discipline policy, and referral for prosecution. Strict compliance is mandatory. All controlled substances shall be turned over to the local law enforcement agency.

Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with policy JGE. Such students with disabilities who knowingly possess or use illegal drugs or sell or solicit the sale of a controlled substance while at school or at a school function may be placed in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for the same amount of time that students without disabilities would be subject to discipline but for not more than 45 calendar days. Controlled substances and illegal drugs are defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act, but do not include substances that are legally possessed or used under authority of the Controlled Substances Act or any other federal law.

Possession and / or Use – The presence upon school property, or attendance at any school function with the possession of drug paraphernalia, use of, or “being under the influence of” alcohol, drugs, or any substance legal / illegal unless prescribed by a medical professional. Including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act.

***Students will be disciplined in accordance with the district's discipline code.**

Sale, purchase or distribution of any prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, counterfeit drugs and/or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act.

STUDENT TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Since we view use of the student parking lots as a privilege and not a right, any student who uses our school parking lots must obey the rules we have established for the safety and security of all concerned. Violation of any parking rules (i.e. absence of permit, parking in a space other than the one assigned, parking on grass areas, reserved or visitor areas or parking in handicap space, etc.) will result in disciplinary action. Students driving on school property must obey Missouri driving laws and the campus speed limit of 15 M.P.H. Any student who uses the school parking lot must obey the following rules:

- Students may only park in the designated student parking area in the parking space that corresponds to the number on his or her parking permit.
- Parking permits must be displayed in the lower left corner of the rear window.
- If a student drives a vehicle that does not have its assigned permit, the student must report to the office by 7:30 A.M. to be issued a temporary permit. The temporary permit will be good only for the day(s) displayed on the permit.
- Upon arrival at school, a student may either stay in his or her car or go inside the school. Students are not permitted to stand outside vehicles or loiter in the parking lots before or after school.
- Students are not permitted to go to their vehicle during lunch.
- Students may not park in the staff parking lot until after 3:00 P.M. On days school is in session.
- Students are responsible for all trash around their vehicles and their assigned spot.
- All pertinent information regarding insurance, licenses, etc., must be on file in the Main Office prior to issuing a parking permit.
- Careless, hazardous, or exhibition driving could result in a ticket and loss of privileges.

TECHNOLOGY MISCONDUCT

Attempting, regardless of success, to: gain unauthorized access to a technology system or information; use district technology to connect to other systems in evasion of the physical limitations of the remote system; copy district files without authorization; interfere with the ability of others to utilize district technology; secure a higher level of privilege without authorization; introduce computer viruses, hacking tools, or other disruptive/destructive programs onto or using district technology; or evade or disable a filtering/blocking device.

- Violation other than those listed in or of Board policy EHB and procedure EHB-AP.
- Use of audio or visual recording equipment in violation of Board policy KKB.

THREATS TO DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Any overt threat, either verbal, physical or written, to district personnel regarding life, physical well-being and/or personal property will result in severe disciplinary action with a possible recommendation for a suspension from school up to 180 school days or expulsion. Referral may be made to legal authorities.

TOBACCO

There is to be no possession or use of tobacco in any form on campus, school transportation or at any school activity. Vaping devices or electronic devices containing nicotine are prohibited also. These incidents will result in assignment of building consequences and referral to the school resource officer.

TRUANCY

Absence from school or class without the knowledge and consent of parents/guardian and/or the school administration.

VANDALISM

Willful damage or the attempt to cause damage to real or personal property belonging to the school, staff or students.

1st Offense- District Reimbursement Agreement / 1-180 days Out of School Suspension

2nd Offense- Expulsion from school district

WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

The Board recognizes the importance of preserving a safe educational environment for students, employees and patrons of the district. In order to maintain the safety of the educational community, the district will strictly enforce the necessary disciplinary consequences resulting from the use or possession of weapons on school grounds, on buses or at school activities. A weapon is defined to mean one or more of the following:

1. A firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921.
2. A blackjack, concealed firearm, firearm silencer, explosive weapon, gas gun, knife, switchblade knife, knuckles, machine gun, rifle, shotgun, spring gun, as terms defined in 571.010 RSMo.
3. Any instrument or device customarily used for attack or defense against an opponent, adversary or victim; or any instrument or device used to inflict physical injury or harm to another person, or any live (explosive) ammunition.
4. Any instrument, device or article, which so resembles an actual weapon as to be believed by the victim as being, a real weapon.

In accordance with federal and state law, any student who brings or possesses a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921 or a device listed in #2 above on school property or at any school activity will be suspended from school for at least one (1) calendar year or expelled and will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The suspension or expulsion may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon recommendation by the superintendent to the Board of Education. Students who use or possess other weapons defined in this policy will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school and may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with policy JGE. Such students with disabilities who possess a weapon, as defined as a “dangerous weapon” in 18 U.S.C. 930, at school or at a school function, may be placed in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for the same amount of time that students without disabilities would be subject to discipline but not for more than 45 calendar days.

This policy shall not be constructed to prohibit the Board from allowing a Civil War reenactor to carry a Civil War era weapon on school property for educational purposes so long as the firearm is unloaded and approved by the Principal.