

## STUDENT CONDUCT

Students in the District are expected to act in an appropriate and responsible manner. Such behavior will reflect favorably on the student and on the school, will show consideration for others, and will create a positive school environment in which to learn and work.

All students have individual responsibilities and obligations in their conduct toward other people and with respect to property. Examples of student conduct on school grounds, on school buses or at school activities which will subject a student to suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action, and which may be reported to the legal authorities and subject to legal consequences, include, but are not limited to:

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property, or stealing or attempting to steal school property.
2. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property, or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person except in self-defense, or threatening to do so.
4. Assault or threatening a student or staff member with bodily harm.
5. Possession of any firearm, knife, explosive device, or other weapon or dangerous object.
6. Possession, use, or being under the influence of any controlled drug or substance without a physician's prescription.
7. Possession, use, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drug or substance.
8. Possession or use of any tobacco or vaping product.
9. Making false fire alarms, bomb threats, or similar threats.
10. Using a substance or device to communicate a terroristic threat.

11. Cheating (including plagiarism) with respect to school work or tests.
12. Inappropriate use of computers, networks, Internet, Distance Learning, etc.
13. Using lewd, profane or obscene language, displaying lewd, profane or obscene language or pictures, or lewd or indecent exposure.
14. Sexually harassing any other person.
15. Defying the valid authority of school employees.
16. Conduct in a classroom, hallway, or any other location on school property or on a school bus which is disruptive.
17. Harassment (including hazing) of any other student or staff member of the School District or any other person who is on the property of the School District.
18. Bullying.
19. Racial or ethnic slurs.

Copies of this policy shall be made available to parents and to all students, either through being reprinted in student handbooks or through some other means.

LEGAL REF.: SDCL 13-32-5, 13-32-6, 13-32-7;  
SDCL 22-14A-24, 22-14A-25  
SDCL 25-5-15

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