

CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Valliant Board of Education believes that the school’s primary goal is to educate, not discipline. However, when the behavior of an individual student interferes with the rights of others, corrective action may be necessary for the benefit of the individual as well as the school. A student who has been suspended for a violent offense directed towards a teacher will not be allowed to return to that teacher’s classroom without the approval of that teacher.

Oklahoma Law, Title 70, Section 6-114, provides teachers with the same rights as parents to control and discipline school children within local school policies. The following schedule of infractions is provided as an aid to teachers in exercising control and discipline of students. The schedule is not intended to include all possible infractions. Therefore, behavior which is not included in the following schedule may warrant appropriate disciplinary measures.

A child on an IEP cannot be suspended for more than ten (10) days each school year until such time as the student’s IEP team has determined that the infraction is in no way a manifestation of that student’s disability.

Infractions	Minimum Action <	>Maximum Action
1. Unexcused tardiness	-----Refer to Attendance Policy-----	
2. Disruption of class or assembly	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension
3. Lunchroom misconduct	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension
4. Bus/Playground misconduct	-----Refer to Bus Conduct Policy-----	
5. Negligence in completing classwork	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension
6. Cutting Class	-----Refer to Attendance Policy-----	
7. Leaving School without permission	-----Refer to Leaving School Ground Policy-----	
8. Truancy	-----Refer to Attendance Policy-----	
9. Bathroom Misuse	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension
10. Tobacco on school ground	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension ¹
11. Drugs or Alcohol possession	Parent Conference	Suspension ^{1,2}
12. Gambling	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension
13. Theft	Parent Conference	Suspension ^{1,2}
14. Assault-physical or verbal	Parent Conference	Suspension ^{1,2}
15. Fighting	Parent Conference	Suspension
16. Destruction of property, vandalism	Parent Conference	Suspension ^{1,2}
17. Threats/Harassment	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension ²
18. Extortion	School Conference	Suspension ^{1,2}
19. Refusal obey school officials	School Conference	Parent Conference Suspension
20. Possession of weapons or other items with the potential to cause harm		Suspension ²

¹May require counseling and rehabilitative efforts before reinstated in school programs.

²May require notification of legal authorities

Other possible corrective actions include warning students that continued infraction may result in more severe consequences, removing students from class, before or after school detention, financial restitution, if necessary, and referral to social agencies, if appropriate. The administration may impose punishment that would prevent a student from participation in and attendance at extracurricular activities. In addition, student discipline consequences may include an inability to participate in the graduation ceremony, prom, prom activities, school dances, and/or a class trip.

Suspension alternatives may include in-house suspension or out-of-school suspension. Refer to Suspension Policy (FOD) for requirements for short-term (1-10 day) and long term suspensions (1 or more days).