

Student Conduct Code

It is the intent of the Board of Trustees that student conduct in Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 be based upon an educational model of discipline. Students have the responsibility to be considerate of the rights of others and to respect and abide by the rules and regulations set forth for them. It follows that students have the further responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects honor and dignity upon the individual, the school and the community. School administrators and staff will provide an environment that includes clearly defined limits where expected behaviors are systematically taught and modeled. Students have the right to fair and respectful treatment and the responsibility to learn the rules and regulations of the school and District.

These rules and regulations shall be presented to and reviewed with students in each class by the teacher as required by School Board Policy. Additionally, all schools, K-12, will conduct lessons teaching to the expected behaviors within the individual schools and classrooms. Each individual school will determine what these essential behaviors are to be within that school and its classrooms.

The Student Conduct Code leaflet will be distributed to all students, Grade K through Grade 12, at the beginning of the school year.

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State law charges every teacher and principal with maintaining order and discipline among students; therefore, the Lake Pend Oreille School District has developed rules, regulations and procedures which will establish and maintain an orderly learning environment in each school.

The following rules, regulations, sanctions and due process procedures are designed to protect all members of the educational community in the exercise of their rights and duties, in all aspects of their school experience, including participation in extracurricular activities, interschool athletic competition and the school transportation program. Students, parents, teachers and administrators share the responsibility of ensuring appropriate student behavior. The complete statement of Lake Pend Oreille School District Administrative Regulations concerning students is available for review at each school.

Section 1. Student Responsibilities

The district recognizes the constitutionally guaranteed rights and freedom of students. With the exercise of rights come responsibilities and duties. Students are responsible for their own conduct and are expected to contribute positively to the learning environment of the school. No student may infringe on the rights of other students by disrupting the educational process.

Specifically, it shall be the responsibility and duty of each student to:

- a. Attend and be prepared with appropriate materials and assignments each day on time.
- b. Make a reasonable and continuous effort to learn.
- c. Respect the rights of others.

- d. Follow the reasonable instructions of district personnel.
- e. Submit to reasonable corrective action or consequences imposed by the District and its staff for violation of its rules.
- f. Comply with the rules of the District and the school.
- g. Obey all federal, state and local laws and ordinances.

Section 2. Prohibited Conduct

The commission of or participation in any of the following activities or acts in school buildings or on school property is prohibited and may constitute cause for disciplinary action. In addition, students at school-sponsored off-campus events and those using District sponsored transportation shall be governed by school district rules and regulations and are subject to the authority of school district officials.

a. The following acts are specifically prohibited. In addition, violation of other criminal laws at school or at school-sponsored activities is prohibited. Law enforcement officials may be notified and disciplinary action will be taken by the District, such as suspension or expulsion, whether or not criminal charges result. The definitions given below for each of the prohibited acts shall be in addition to the definitions given for said acts in the Idaho Code:

1. Arson: The intentional setting of fire.
2. Assault: Physical or verbal threats with the intent and apparent ability to carry through violence to persons.
3. Battery: Unwanted or unlawful touching or application of force to another person.
4. Burglary: Unlawful entry with the intent to commit a crime.
5. Disturbing the Peace: Maliciously and purposely interfering with or disturbing persons in the school.
6. Extortion, Blackmail, or Coercion: Obtaining money, favor, or property by violence or threat of violence or causing someone to do something against his or her will by force or threat of force.
7. False Fire Alarms or Bomb Threats: Activating a fire alarm for other than the purpose for which it was intended or falsifying a report of a bomb.
8. Gambling: Playing games of chance for money.
9. Larceny: theft from the school, from its employees or from other students.
10. Robbery: Stealing from an individual by force or by threat of force.
11. Trespass or Loitering: Being present in an unauthorized place or at an unauthorized time or refusing to leave when ordered to do so. Students visiting at other than their assigned school must first obtain permission from the building principal or designee.
12. Alcohol or Drug Abuse: Sale, use or possession of illegal drugs, controlled substances or alcohol. (See Board Policy 3325)
13. Vandalism and Malicious Mischief: Destruction or damage of property.
14. Weapons: Possession or use of weapons or items apparently capable under the circumstances of producing bodily harm. (See Board Policy 3315)
15. Physical, or other communicated threats to District personnel, or other individuals

b. District Offenses – Activities that may lead to disciplinary action, or sanctions. Generally, these are acts, which disrupt and interfere with the educational process or with the right of other members of the educational community.

1. Students attending a school with a closed campus will be required to remain on the school grounds from the time school opens in the morning until school is dismissed at the end of the day. Exceptions may be granted to individual students at the discretion of and in a manner prescribed by the principal.
2. Disobedience, insolence and insubordination: Students must obey the instruction of District personnel.
3. Disruptive Conduct: Conduct which interferes with the educational process.
4. Fighting.
5. Forging hall passes, absence excuses or other school documents.
6. Eating food or beverages at inappropriate time or in inappropriate places.
7. Hazing: Any act which forces another student to undergo a humiliating or abusive ordeal as in initiations.
8. Inappropriate dress and appearance: Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems or cause disruptions; footwear is required.
9. Spreading false or unsubstantiated information, in writing or verbally, about a person and harming his/her reputation.
10. Misconduct on school vehicles: Any action which creates a safety hazard or distracts the attention of the driver.
11. Plagiarism and cheating.
12. Use of tobacco or any product that contains nicotine on school property. (See Board Policy 3325)
13. Traffic violations on school grounds.
14. Truancy: Being absent from school without a valid excuse. (See Board Policy 3055)
15. Soliciting for non-School Sponsored or approved activities on school grounds.
16. Profanity: Using vile or indecent language to disturb the peace of any public school.
17. Threats to students or other individuals.
18. Bullying and cyber-bullying: Intimidating, intentionally degrading, or unsolicited physical and/or verbal abuse of others.
19. Inappropriate use of the internet, district networks or any electronic information services. (See Board Policy 3270)

c. School Rules – in addition to the above rules each school shall adopt and teach to expected behaviors applicable to conditions in that particular school. Non-compliance at the lowest emergent level with these expected behaviors will be met with an intervention. Severe non-compliance will result in other disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion. School rules as established will be reviewed and approved by the Superintendent. A Copy of the approved rules will be available to the Board of Trustees.

d. Extra Curricular Activity – School organizations, clubs and athletic teams may adopt and distribute to their members rules which shall govern student conduct. Infractions of these rules shall result in disciplinary action. Rules for school organizations, clubs and activities will be reviewed and approved by the principal. Copies of approved rules will be transmitted to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Sanctions

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent or designee, or the principal to impose sanctions for cause. Each teacher has the authority to remove students temporarily from class or to discipline students for cause. Parent or guardian shall be notified when a sanction is imposed.

It shall be the responsibility of the building principal to determine when a student will be referred to the Superintendent and/or Board of Trustees for a hearing. Such referral may result from a serious violation of school and/or school district policy, violations of law or after continued, violations of rules, law, and policies.

When it has been determined that a law, a District regulation or a school rule has been violated, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to:

- a. Immediate notification of law enforcement officials when it appears that a law may have been violated.
- b. Expulsion
- c. Suspension
 1. In addition, a student removed from school may not participate in extracurricular activities during the term of the suspension.
 2. The suspension may be reflected in the student's class citizenship or school citizenship grade.
 3. Notations of suspensions will be kept on file.
 4. Work missed as a result of suspension or truancy may be made up. (See Board Policy 3340)
- d. Transfer: The removal of a student from attendance in one of the District's schools and the assignment of the student to another school in the District when a change in the school of attendance is necessary for the welfare of the individual student, the other students, the school, or the school district.
- e. Confiscation of prohibited items.
- f. Restitution for damages shall be made by students and/or parents.
- g. Temporary or permanent removal from school transportation.
- h. Ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

If the prohibited conduct in Section 2a is an offense against persons these procedures will be followed:

NOTE: If the threat is imminent, the student shall be removed from class immediately.

- a. Prohibited conduct will be reported to the building administrator immediately.

- b. The administrator shall meet with the reporting individual as soon as practical, during that school day, to discuss the student's conduct.
- c. The student may be removed from class, parent/guardian and/or law enforcement may be called, and sanctions may be imposed.
- d. An intervention team, composed of at least one administrator, the student's counselor, as many of the student's teachers as possible, the School Resource Officer, and/or the student's Probation Officer, if appropriate, shall conduct a risk assessment.
- e. Depending upon the results of the risk assessment, the student may be referred or required to obtain a psychological and/or substance abuse assessment.
- f. Re-entry requirements may include counseling, behavior contracts, Interim Alternate Educational Setting, anger management or other group counseling.

Section 4. Hearing procedures

Hearing procedures as set forth in Board Policy 3340 will be followed.

Staff Protection

The Board of Trustees will support, protect and aid any employee who suffers physical assault by any person while the employee is acting in the discharge of duties within the scope of the District's written policies.

Should any person physically assault an employee, the incident shall immediately be reported to the building principal or department director. The building principal/department director shall notify the Superintendent or designee, who shall in turn notify the Board of Trustees.

Previous Policy: 405.5, 504.1

Cross Reference: 3055 Truancy
3315 Weapons
3340 Due Process, Corrective Action and Discipline

LEGAL REF.: I.C. § 18-3302D Possessing weapons or firearms on school property
I.C. § 20-501 et seq Legislative intent
I.C. § 33-205 Denial of school attendance
I.C. § 33-512(6) Governance of schools
I.C. § 33-1222 Freedom from abuse

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