

LEARNER CONDUCT

Learners enrolled in the district are expected to act in an appropriate and reasonable manner. Such behavior will reflect favorably on the learner and on the school, will show consideration for other learners, and will create a positive school environment in which to learn and work.

All learners have individual responsibilities and obligations in their conduct toward other people and with respect to property. Examples of learner conduct on school grounds, on school vehicles or at school activities which will subject a learner 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. Assaulting or threatening another person with bodily harm.
5. Possession of any firearm, knife, explosive, or other weapon or dangerous object. Weapons will include objects not commonly considered as such, but modified for use as weapons.
6. Possession, use, consumption, buying, selling, giving away or being under the influence of any controlled drug or substance without a physician's prescription.
7. Possession, use, consumption, buying, selling, giving away, utilizing or being under the influence of alcohol, vaping products, or illegal drugs or substances.
8. Possession or use of any tobacco or vaping product.
9. Making false fire alarms or bomb threats or similar threats.
10. Cheating (including plagiarism) with respect to school work or tests. Cheating includes aiding other students in cheating, and using programmable calculators, artificial intelligence or other technology in a manner not specified or authorized by the teacher.
11. Altering school records, or forging signatures of parents, teachers or other school personnel or of forging signatures of doctors or employers, or knowingly using a falsified document.
12. Inappropriate use of computers, networks, Internet, Distance Learning platforms, 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 vehicle, or at school activity which is disruptive.~~ Behavior that is disruptive on school property, on a school vehicle, or at a school event.
17. Harassment (including hazing) of any other learner 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.
20. ~~Frequent unexcused absences or tardiness as specified in the school attendance policies.~~
21. ~~Failing to observe parking lot regulations regarding speeding, reckless driving and unauthorized presence.~~
22. ~~Infractions of other rules of behavior as may be adopted by the building administrator.~~

~~In addition to school disciplinary measures some of the above actions are subject to punishment through civil and criminal authorities.~~

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

Legal References:

- [SDCL 13-32-5 \(Injury to school property\)](#)
- [SDCL 13-32-6 \(Disturbance of school misdemeanor\)](#)
- [SDCL 13-32-7 \(Possession of firearms on school grounds\)](#)
- [SDCL 22-14A-24 \(Use of device to communicate a threat\)](#)
- [SDCL 22-14A-25 \(Use of hoax substance or device to cause fear\)](#)
- [SDCL 25-5-15 \(Parental liability for willful acts of a child\)](#)

Cross References:

- ACA - Sexual Harassment**
- ACA-E(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Report Form**
- ACA-E(2) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to the Superintendent**
- ACA-E(3) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to the School Board**
- ACA-R(1) - Sexual Harassment - Regulation**
- IIBFA - Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology**
- JFA - Learner Due Process Rights**
- JFCC - Learner Conduct on School Vehicles**
- JFCD - Bullying**
- JFCD-E(1) - Bullying Complaint Report Form**
- JFCD-E(2) - Bullying Complaint Appeal to the Superintendent**
- JFCD-E(3) - Bullying Complaint Appeal to the School Board**
- JGD - Learner Suspension or Expulsion**
- JGD-R - Procedures for Learner Suspensions and Expulsions - Regulation**
- JFCJ - Weapons**

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