

Greenville ISD

2011-2012

**Student Code
of Conduct**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This Student Code of Conduct provides information regarding expectations for student behavior and consequences for misconduct. Please read and review the information in the Student Code of Conduct with your student so that you have a clear understanding of its content. Once you and your student have reviewed the Student Code of Conduct, please sign the acknowledgment form listed below and return it to the campus principal. Please contact your student's teacher or campus administrator if you have any questions about the Code.

**Greenville ISD
2011-2012 Student Code of Conduct
Acknowledgment Form**

Student Name: _____

School Campus: _____ Grade Level: _____

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Greenville ISD's Student Code of Conduct for the 2011-2012 school year. I understand that _____ (student name) will be held accountable for the behavior expectations and disciplinary consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. I understand that the Student Code of Conduct governs all behavior at school, at school-sponsored and school-related activities, and during school-sponsored travel. I also understand the Student Code of Conduct governs some designated behaviors occurring within 300 feet of school property, some designated behaviors occurring off-campus, and for any school-related misconduct regardless of time or location. I understand that a referral for criminal prosecution is possible for certain violations of law.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

Date

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees adopted this Student Code of Conduct (SCC) to promote a safe, secure, and optimal learning environment for all students. Inside you will find information regarding:

- The District-wide discipline management plan,
- A description of prohibited conduct,
- The disciplinary options, methods, and consequences for preventing and addressing student misconduct, and
- The process the District will follow when administering disciplinary consequences.

In case of conflict between a Board Policy or the SCC and provisions of the student handbooks, policy and/or the SCC shall prevail.

ADDITIONAL RULES

Students may be subject to campus, classroom, extracurricular, and/or organization rules in addition to those found in the SCC. Students may face consequences under these additional rules as well as possible disciplinary action under the SCC. Further, to the extent a student engages in misconduct that is not specifically addressed in the SCC, the student may still be disciplined if the misconduct disrupts or interferes with the educational process, learning environment, or school safety.

GENERAL STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

In order to promote a positive educational experience for all students, the District expects students to adhere to seven basic standards of conduct: (1) exercise self-control, self-respect, and self-discipline, (2) demonstrate a positive attitude, (3) respect the rights and feelings of others, (4) respect school property, (5) support the learning process, (6) adhere to rules, and (7) promote a safe environment. Because of significant variations in student conduct, it is not always possible for the SCC to address each and every act of student misbehavior. To that end, the District retains discretion to address student misconduct that is inconsistent with these seven standards even though the conduct may not be specifically included in the SCC.

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Teachers and administrators strive to notify parents/guardians of student conduct concerns as they occur. The campus administrator will contact the parent/guardian by phone or in writing within three school days of becoming aware of misconduct that may result in out-of-school suspension, DAEP placement, or expulsion from school. Failure to send any notice within this time period or as noted elsewhere in the SCC does not preclude imposing a discipline consequence.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

The District does not discriminate against students on the basis of race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, color, or ethnicity when enforcing the provisions of the SCC.

DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Students eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are subject to discipline in accordance with those laws. For more information about those specific procedures, please contact the Special Education Director at 903-408-4445. A student enrolled in a special education program may not be disciplined for bullying, harassment, or making hit lists until an ARD meeting is conducted.

DISCIPLINE APPEALS

Appeals of disciplinary measures should be directed to the student's teacher or campus administrator, as described in local District policy FNG. Depending on the disciplinary consequence assigned, different complaint procedures may apply. A copy of the appropriate policy is available at the campus or central administration office or online at <http://www.greenvilleisd.com>. Timelines for filing appeals stated in the policy will be enforced. Disciplinary consequences will not be delayed or deferred pending the outcome of an appeal.

EFFECT OF STUDENT WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from school after a student has been accused of a violation of the SCC will not prevent the District from investigating the alleged violation and, if it is determined that a violation did occur, assessing the appropriate disciplinary consequence and enforcing that consequence should the student re-enroll in the District.

SCOPE OF THE DISTRICT'S DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

GENERAL AUTHORITY

In addition to the disciplinary authority established for certain types of offenses as described within the SCC, the District has general disciplinary authority over a student at the following times:

- At any time during the school day
- While traveling to and from school or school activities on District transportation
- While attending any school-sponsored or school-related activity, regardless of time or location
- As provided in extracurricular or organization handbooks, by-laws, or constitutions
- During lunch periods, including those in which a student leaves the campus
- While on school property
- For any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location
- Other off campus conduct as permitted by Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code
- For certain offenses committed within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line
- If the student is a registered sex offender

SEARCHES

A student's clothing, personal property, electronic equipment, method of transportation, or school property used by the student (such as lockers or desks) may be searched when there is reasonable cause to believe the search will reveal articles or materials prohibited by the District. Students are responsible for ensuring that any personal property, method of transportation, or school property used by the student does not contain prohibited items. Students may be disciplined for possession of prohibited items discovered during a search. For more information about searches, please review the District's Student Handbook and local policy FNF.

CRIMINAL CONDUCT

School administrators will report crimes as required by law and may contact local law enforcement regarding suspected criminal activity. Certain acts of misconduct may constitute criminal offenses in addition to violations of the SCC. Because school discipline is independent of criminal proceedings, disciplinary consequences may not be postponed pending the outcome of any criminal proceeding or affected by the outcome of any criminal proceeding.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS & TECHNIQUES

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

Using their professional judgment, District employees will consider a variety of factors when administering disciplinary consequences and determining the duration of the consequence, including but not limited to:

- the degree of severity and the risk of danger
- the effect of the misconduct

DISCIPLINE
MANAGEMENT
TECHNIQUES

- the age and grade level of the student
- the student's disciplinary history
- legal requirements
- the frequency of the misconduct
- the student's demeanor
- a disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct, to the extent required by state and federal law

When deciding to order the out-of-school suspension, DAEP placement, expulsion, or placement in JJAEP of a student the District will also consider: (1) self-defense (*see definitions*), and (2) the student's intent (*see definitions*) or *lack of intent* at the time of the misconduct.

Discipline is designed to correct student behavior and encourage students to comply with school rules. The District may use any one or a combination of the following strategies or techniques to manage student behavior, prevent or intervene in discipline problems, or address violations of the SCC or campus or classroom rules:

- Verbal correction
- Seating changes
- Parent conferences
- Removal from the classroom
- Contracts to modify student behavior
- Sending the student to the office or other area
- Assignment of school-related tasks or duties
- Other methods and consequences as stated in the SCC

- Calming-down time
- Demerits or rewards
- Confiscation of items
- School probation
- Restitution or restoration
- Transfer to a different classroom or campus
- Loss or restriction of privileges, including transportation privileges, participation or membership in co-curricular or extracurricular activities, and seeking or holding honorary positions
- Counseling or mediation
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)
- Expulsion
- Consequences identified in co-curricular or extracurricular codes of conduct, constitutions, or by-laws
- Detention

GENERAL TYPES OF PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Misconduct identified in the list of prohibited behaviors below will result in the assignment of one or more "Discipline Management Techniques" if the behavior is committed at school, a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or when the District has "Disciplinary Authority" as described in the SCC.

MISCONDUCT
INVOLVING OTHERS

- Horseplay, roughhousing, and other playful behavior that, though not intended to harm, presents a reasonable risk of harm and threatens the safety of others
- Fighting (see *definitions*) or scuffling that does not result in physical pain, illness, or any impairment of a physical condition
- Engaging in conduct that can cause bodily injury (see *definitions*) or property damage
- Forcing an unwilling person to act or not act or obtaining money or another object of value from an unwilling person through duress, threats, force, extortion, coercion, or blackmail
- Subjecting a student or District employee, official, or volunteer to physical confinement or restraint
- Bullying (see *definitions*)
- Name-calling, ethnic or racial slurs, or derogatory statements that school employees reasonably believe could substantially disrupt the school environment or incite violence
- Adding any substance, whether harmful or not, without permission to any food or beverages belonging to, in the possession of, or meant to be consumed by another student or District employee, official, or volunteer
- Engaging in harassment (see *definitions*) toward another student or a District employee, official, or volunteer, including harassment motivated by race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, or age
- Engaging in sexual harassment (see *definitions*) or sexual abuse
- Inappropriate verbal (oral or written), physical, or sexual contact toward another student or a District employee, official, or volunteer regardless of whether it is consensual
- Consensual hugging, touching, or other displays of affection that interfere with, detract, or disrupt the school environment
- Engaging in physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse as a means to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a current or past dating relationship

POSSESSING,
USING, GIVING,
SELLING, OR BUYING
PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Engaging in oral or written threats to cause harm or bodily injury (see *definitions*) to another student, a District employee, official, or volunteer, or school property, including threats made using the Internet or other technology resources at school. Students may be disciplined for threats made outside of school, including website or internet postings, if the threat causes a material or substantial disruption at school.
- Wrongfully obtaining and using another person's identifying information or personal data without permission in order to mislead, defraud, or deceive
- Hazing (see *definitions*)
- Matches or a lighter
- Tobacco products
- Fireworks or any other pyrotechnic device
- Smoke or stink bombs
- Laser pointers (unauthorized use)
- Pepper spray or other small chemical dispenser sold commercially for personal protection
- "Look-alike" drugs or items attempted to be passed off as drugs, including non-prescription drugs, medications, or herbal or dietary supplements except as permitted by District policy
- Razor blades, box cutters, or chains
- Knives with a blade 3" or less are general misconduct, knives with blades over 3" up to 5 1/2" are DAEP conduct, and knives with a blade over 5 1/2" are DAEP conduct, and knives with a blade over 5 1/2" are expellable
- Fake or "look-alike" weapons
- Poisons, caustic acids, or other materials that may be toxic to the human body
- BB gun, air gun, or stun gun

MISUSE OF
PROPERTY

- Ammunition, shells, bullets, or gunpowder
 - Material that is sexually-oriented, pornographic, or reveals a person's private body parts
 - Material, including published or electronic items, that promotes or encourages illegal behavior or could threaten school safety
 - Articles not generally considered to be weapons when the administrator determines that a danger exists or when used in a way that threatens or inflicts bodily injury to another
 - CD or DVD players, cassette players, electronic games, MP3 players, stereo head sets, or other electronic equipment for other than approved use
 - Using, displaying, or having in operational mode a paging device, cellular telephone, or telecommunications device (*see definitions*) at school during the school day without signed parental and school authorization
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- Stealing from others, including the District
 - Committing or assisting in a robbery, theft, or burglary that is not punishable as a felony
 - Damaging, destroying, or vandalizing property owned by others or the District
 - Marking District property such as textbooks, lockers, furniture, or equipment with graffiti, tagging, or by other means
 - Attempting to start or starting a fire on or in any property owned, used, or controlled by a student, the District, or District employees, officials, or volunteers that does not rise to the level of arson or criminal mischief
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- Threatening to use or exhibit a firearm
 - Discharging a fire extinguisher, pulling a fire alarm, calling 911, or causing the sprinkler system to activate when there is no smoke, fire, danger, or emergency
 - Making or participating in false statements or hoaxes regarding school safety

SAFETY /
DISRUPTION

TECHNOLOGY

- Engaging in misbehavior, actions, or demonstrations that substantially disrupt or materially interfere with school activities or that give school officials reasonable cause to believe that such conduct will substantially disrupt the school program or incite violence
- Throwing objects that can cause bodily injury or property damage
- Making false accusations or providing false statements concerning wrongful, unlawful, inappropriate, or illegal conduct alleged to have been committed by another student or District employee, official, or volunteer
- Sending, possessing, or posting electronic messages, videos, audio recordings, or images that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, harassing, threatening, intimidating, illegal, or that cause a material or substantial disruption at school, including cyberbullying (*see definitions*)
- Using any device to copy or capture an image or the content of any District materials (such as tests or exams) without permission of a teacher or administrator
- Making, participating in the making of, transmitting to another via an electronic device, or posting to the Internet a digital video or audio recording or image of an actual or simulated act that involves a crime or conduct prohibited by the Code of Conduct
- Using any device or technology that permits recording the voice or image of another in any way that disrupts the educational environment, invades the privacy of others, or to record the voice or image of another without the prior consent of the individual being recorded
- Using any device or technology that permits recording the voice or image of another to take, disseminate, transfer, circulate, exhibit, present, or share audio, images, video, or photos that reveal private parts of the body that are normally covered by clothing (aka sexting)
- Using the name, persona, or image of a student, District employee, or volunteer to create a web page or post one or more messages on a website without the other person's consent for purposes of harassing, intimidating, embarrassing, or threatening another
- Using email, websites, or electronic devices to engage in or encourage illegal conduct, violations of the SCC, or to threaten school safety

FAILURE TO FOLLOW
RULES

- Attempting to or successfully accessing or circumventing passwords or other security-related information of the District, officials, volunteers, employees, or other students by any means
- Attempting to or successfully altering, destroying, interrupting, or disabling District technology equipment, District data, the data of other users of the District's computer system, or other networks connected to the District's system, including uploading or creating computer viruses, worms, or other harmful material
- Copying, downloading, reproducing, distributing, retransmitting, redisplaying, or modifying items from the District's website
- Engaging in any of the above forms of technological misconduct outside of school when such conduct causes a material or substantial disruption at school as determined by school officials
- NOTE: Students will not be disciplined for technology misconduct related to possessing items described above so long as the student (1) did not contribute to creation of the item in any way, (2) possessed it only after receiving the item unsolicited from another, (3) either promptly destroyed the item or reported it to a school employee as soon as possible, and (4) did not provide a copy, forward, or re-post the item to anyone other than law enforcement, a school employee, or the student's parent/guardian.
- Violating dress and grooming criteria
- Being insubordinate or otherwise failing to comply with lawful directives given by school personnel
- Attempting to or successfully evading, avoiding, or delaying questioning by a District employee
- Failing to provide proper identification upon request of a District employee
- Attempting to violate or assisting, encouraging, promoting, or attempting to assist another student in violating the Code of Conduct
- Failing to immediately report to a school employee knowledge of a device, object, substance, or event that could cause harm to self or others
- Unexcused tardiness to class
- Skipping school or class without the District's or parent/guardian's permission

OTHER
MISCONDUCT

- Leaving class, the campus, or school events without permission
- Violating rules for conduct on school transportation
- Violating rules for operating or parking a motor vehicle on school property
- Violating policies or rules for computer use, Internet access, technology, or other electronic communications or imaging devices
- Violating the District's medications policy regarding prescription and over-the-counter drugs
- Academic dishonesty, including cheating, copying the work of another, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing an assignment
- Failure to comply with guidelines applicable to student speakers who are speaking at school-sponsored or school-related events
- Violating other campus or classroom rules for behavior or district policies
- Using profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures
- Loitering in unauthorized areas
- Falsifying, altering, forging, or destroying school records, passes, other school-related documents, or documents presented to District employees
- Gambling or betting money or other things of value
- Inappropriate exposure of a student's private body parts which are ordinarily covered by clothing, including through such acts as mooning, streaking, or flashing

REMOVAL FROM CLASSROOM BY TEACHER

ORDINARY TEACHER REMOVAL

A teacher may send a student to the administrator's office to maintain discipline in the classroom or when the student engages in behavior that violates the SCC. The administrator may use one or more discipline management techniques to address the behavior.

FORMAL TEACHER REMOVAL

A teacher may remove a student from class when:

- The student's behavior has been documented by the teacher as repeatedly interfering with the teacher's ability to teach or with the learning of other students; or
- The behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to teach or with the learning of other students.

A teacher must remove a student from class if the student engages in conduct that requires or permits DAEP placement or expulsion under the Texas Education Code.

PLACEMENT DURING REMOVAL

When a teacher utilizes a formal removal of the student from the classroom, the administrator may place the student in: (1) another appropriate classroom, (2) in-school suspension, (3) out-of-school suspension, or (4) DAEP.

PROCEDURES FOR TEACHER REMOVAL

No later than three school days after a teacher has formally removed a student from class, an administrator will schedule a conference with the administrator, the student's parent/guardian, the student, and the teacher. At the conference, the student will be provided an explanation of the basis for removal and be given an opportunity to respond. After the conference, the administrator will render a discipline decision and inform the student and parent/guardian of the consequences.

RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM

If the teacher removed the student from class because the student engaged in assault resulting in bodily injury, aggravated assault, sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault against the teacher, the student may not be returned to the teacher's class without the teacher's consent. In other cases where the teacher initiates a formal removal, the student may only be returned to the teacher's class without the teacher's consent if the Placement Review Committee determines that the teacher's class is the best or only alternative.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

REASONS FOR ISS

Students may be placed in ISS for any misconduct listed in any category of the SCC.

PROCEDURE FOR ISS

The student will be informed of the reason for placement in ISS and be given an opportunity to respond before the administrator's decision is final. While in ISS the student will complete assignments from his or her teacher.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS)

REASONS FOR OSS

Students may be suspended from school for any misconduct listed in any category of the SCC.

PROCEDURE FOR OSS

The student will be informed of the reason for out-of-school suspension and be given an opportunity to respond before the administrator's decision is final. While the student is suspended, the administrator may place restrictions on the student's participation in school-sponsored or school-related activities. Students may be suspended for a maximum of three school days.

DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM (DAEP)

REASONS FOR MANDATORY DAEP PLACEMENT

School-Related. A student must be placed in DAEP for any of the following misconduct if committed while on school property, within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Engages in conduct punishable as a felony.
- Commits an assault (*see definitions*) resulting in bodily injury (*see definitions*) to another.

- Sells, gives, delivers, possesses, uses, or is under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance (see *definitions*), a dangerous drug (see *definitions*), or an alcoholic beverage (see *definitions*) in any amount not punishable as a felony. Students will be expelled for the 2nd infraction occurring in the same school year.
- Commits a serious act or offense while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage if the conduct is not punishable as a felony. Students will be expelled for the 2nd infraction occurring in the same school year.
- Engages in an offense relating to abusable volatile chemicals (see *definitions*). Students will be expelled for the 2nd infraction occurring in the same school year.
- Engages in public lewdness (see *definitions*).
- Engages in indecent exposure (see *definitions*).
- Knives with blades 3" or less are general misconduct, knives with blades over 3" up to 5 1/2" are DAEP conduct, and knives with a blade over 5" are expellable.
- Engages in expellable conduct if the student is between six and nine years of age.
- Engages in a federal firearm offense if the student is six years of age or younger.

Off-Campus. A student must be placed in DAEP for engaging in a Title 5 (see *definitions*) felony offense or aggravated robbery while off-campus and not in attendance at a school-sponsored or school-related activity if:

- The student receives deferred prosecution,
- A court or jury finds the student engaged in delinquent conduct, or
- The administrator reasonably believes that the student engaged in the misconduct.

Regardless of Location. A student must be placed in DAEP if the student engages in the following misconduct, regardless of whether the conduct occurred on or off campus:

- Issues a false alarm or report (see *definitions*) or a terroristic threat (see *definitions*) involving a public school. Students will be expelled for the 2nd infraction occurring in the same school year.

REASONS FOR
DISCRETIONARY
DAEP PLACEMENT

- Retaliates (*see definitions*) against any school employee.
- Is involved with a public school fraternity, sorority, secret society, or gang (*see definitions*), including participating as a member or pledge, or soliciting another person to become a member or pledge.
- Is involved with a criminal street gang (*see definitions*) or encourages, solicits, enables, or causes another to become a member of a criminal street gang.
- Engages in criminal mischief if the damage is less than \$1,500 but equal to or greater than \$500.
- Is a registered sex offender (*see definitions*) under court supervision, probation, community supervision, or parole.

Students who are: (1) convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children; or (2) convicted, receive deferred adjudication or deferred prosecution, been found to have engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct in need of supervision, or been placed on probation for either sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault against another student assigned to the same campus at the time the offense occurred will be placed in DAEP (or JJAEP as appropriate) on the request of the victim's parents if the victim student does not wish to transfer, and there is only one campus serving that grade level. Placement in this circumstance may be for any length of time considered necessary.

School-Related. A student may be placed in DAEP for any of the following misconduct if committed while on school property, within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Possessing, giving, buying, or selling less than a usable amount of stems, seeds, or other pieces of marijuana.
- Possessing, using, selling, buying, or giving paraphernalia (*see definitions*) related to any prohibited substance, including but not limited to marijuana, a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, or an alcoholic beverage.
- Abusing the student's own prescription drug or using it in a way other than prescribed; giving, buying, or selling a prescription drug; possessing, using, or being under the influence of another person's prescription drug.

- Preparing a hit list (*see definitions*).
- Committing any offense included in the list of "General Types of Prohibited Misconduct" in this SCC.
- Engaging in serious (*see definitions*) or persistent (*see definitions*) misbehavior that violates this SCC.

Off-Campus. A student may be placed in DAEP for engaging in the following misconduct while off-campus and not in attendance at a school-sponsored or school-related activity:

- The administrator reasonably believes the student engaged in conduct punishable as a felony (other than aggravated robbery or a Title 5 felony), and the student's continued presence in the regular classroom is a threat to the safety of others or is detrimental to the educational process.
- Off-campus conduct for which DAEP placement is required by state law when the administrator does not learn of the conduct until more than a year passes after the conduct occurred.

Regardless of Location. A student may be placed in DAEP if the student engages in the following misconduct, regardless of whether the conduct occurred on or off campus:

- A student may be placed in DAEP if the student is a registered sex offender (*see definitions*) who is not under any form of court supervision.
- Engages in criminal mischief if the damage is less than \$500.

An administrator may order an emergency DAEP placement if the student has been so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to teach the class, the learning of other students, or the operation of a school-related or a school-sponsored activity. The reason for emergency placement must also be a reason for which DAEP placement could be ordered on a non-emergency basis. At the time of the emergency placement, the student will be told the reason for the action.

No later than the tenth day after the date of emergency DAEP placement, the student will be given a conference as required for regular placement in DAEP; see below.

EMERGENCY DAEP
PLACEMENT

PROCEDURE FOR
DAEP PLACEMENT

Conference. No later than three school days after the student is removed from class, the campus administrator will schedule a conference with the administrator, the student's parent/guardian, and the student. The District may conduct the conference and make a discipline decision regardless of whether the student or the student's parent/guardian attends if the District made reasonable attempts to have them attend.

At the conference, the administrator will explain the allegations against the student, inform the student of the basis for the proposed DAEP placement, and give the student an opportunity to explain his or her version of the incident.

If during the term of DAEP placement the student engages in additional misconduct, additional conferences may be conducted and additional discipline may be imposed.

Interim Placement. Until a placement conference can be held, the student may be placed in another appropriate classroom, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the placement conference.

DAEP Placement Order. If the outcome of the conference is to place the student in DAEP, the campus administrator will issue a DAEP placement order. If the length of placement differs from the guidelines included in the SCC, the DAEP placement order will give notice of the inconsistency.

A copy of the DAEP placement order will be sent to the student and the student's parent/guardian. For those students placed in DAEP for a reason identified in the Texas Education Code, the District will also send the juvenile court a copy of the DAEP placement order no later than the second business day after the placement conference. A copy of the DAEP placement order will be included with any records sent to a school where the student seeks to enroll. The enrolling school district has discretion to enforce the DAEP placement order.

LENGTH OF DAEP
PLACEMENT

The length of a student's placement in DAEP will be determined on a case-by-case basis using the criteria identified in the "Discipline Considerations" section of this SCC. All DAEP placements will result in placement for up to 180 school days. The length of DAEP placement may not exceed one year unless, after review, the District determines that (1) the student is a safety threat, or (2) extended placement is in the best interest of the student.

Students placed in DAEP at the end of one school year may be required to complete the assigned term at the beginning of the next school year. For DAEP placement to extend beyond the end of the school year, the administrator must determine that: (1) the student's presence in the regular classroom or campus presents a danger of physical harm to the student or others; or (2) the student has engaged in serious or persistent misbehavior (see *definitions*) that violates the SCC.

PARTICULAR RULES
FOR REGISTERED SEX
OFFENDERS

If the DAEP placement extends beyond 60 days or the end of the next grading period, whichever is sooner, the student or the student's parent/guardian may participate in a proceeding before the Board or Board's designee as provided in policy FNG (LOCAL). Any decision of the Board is final and may not be appealed.

The general SCC rules for DAEP placement apply to registered student sex offenders (*see definitions*) except as modified in this section.

Placement. Registered sex offenders will be placed in a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) in lieu of DAEP if: (1) ordered to attend JJAEP by a court, or (2) if permitted by agreement between the District and the JJAEP.

Length of Placement. Registered sex offenders under court supervision will be placed in DAEP for a minimum of 90 school days, which is the equivalent of one semester.

Registered sex offenders who are not under any form of court supervision but are assigned to DAEP must serve a minimum of 90 school days, which is the equivalent of one semester.

Transfers. Registered sex offenders (whether under court supervision or not) that transfer into the District will be required to complete an additional 90 school days which is the equivalent of one semester in DAEP in addition to the assignment assessed by the previous school district.

In making a decision regarding the placement of a registered sex offender that transfers into the District, the District will consider the recommendation of the review committee as described in the "Periodic Review for Sex Offenders" section described below.

Periodic Review for Registered Sex Offenders. After 80 school days in DAEP, a review committee will determine by majority vote and recommend to the Assistant Superintendent whether the student should remain in DAEP or be returned to the regular classroom. The Assistant Superintendent will follow the committee's decision to return the student to the regular classroom unless the student's presence in the regular classroom is a threat to the safety of others, is detrimental to the educational process, or is not in the best interests of the District's students. Conversely, the Assistant Superintendent will follow the committee's decision to continue the student's placement in DAEP unless the student's presence in the regular classroom is not a threat to the safety of others, is not detrimental to the educational process, or is not contrary to the best interests of the District's students.

If the student remains in DAEP, the review committee will re-consider the student's placement before the beginning of the next school year.

OTHER DAEP ISSUES

Appeals for Registered Sex Offenders. DAEP placement may be appealed as described in District policy FNG or FOC. However, the appeal is limited to the factual question of whether the student is required to register as a sex offender under the law. A decision of the district's Board of Trustees is final and may not be appealed.

Grade Levels. Elementary students in kindergarten through grade 6 will not be placed in DAEP with secondary students in grade 7 through grade 12.

No Participation in Activities While in DAEP. Students placed in DAEP for any mandatory or discretionary reasons are not allowed to attend or participate in school-sponsored or school-related extracurricular or co-curricular activities during the period of DAEP placement. This restriction applies until the student fulfills the DAEP assignment at this or another school district.

Impact on Graduation. For graduating seniors who are in DAEP during the last week of school, the DAEP placement will continue through the last instructional day. The student will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises and related graduation activities unless otherwise specified in the DAEP placement order.

Transportation. A student placed in DAEP will not be provided transportation unless he or she is a student with a disability who has transportation designated as a related service in the student's IEP.

Periodic Review. The District will review a student's DAEP placement and academic status every 120 calendar days. In the case of a high school student, the student's progress toward graduation will be reviewed and a graduation plan will be established. At the review, the student or the parent/guardian will have an opportunity to present reasons for the student's return to the regular classroom or campus. The student may not be returned to the classroom of a teacher who removed the student without that teacher's consent.

Coursework Opportunity. Students placed in DAEP will have an opportunity to complete coursework required for graduation, at no cost to the student, before the beginning of the next school year.

Effect of Student Withdrawal. When a student withdraws from school before a DAEP placement order is completed, the District may complete the proceedings and issue a DAEP placement order. If the student re-enrolls in the District during the same or subsequent school year, the District may enforce the DAEP placement order at that time, minus any portion of the placement that was served by the student during enrollment in another district.

If the administrator does not issue a DAEP placement order after the student withdraws, the next district in which the student enrolls may complete the proceedings and issue a DAEP placement order.

Student Transfers. Students assigned to DAEP in another Texas district, a Texas open-enrollment charter school, or an out-of-state school district at the time of enrollment into the District will be placed into the District's DAEP to complete the term of their DAEP placement. In order to continue an out-of-state DAEP placement, the basis for the DAEP placement must also be a reason for DAEP placement in the enrolling district. If the out-of-state DAEP placement period exceeds one year, the District will reduce the period of placement so that the total placement does not exceed one year unless the District determines that the student is a threat to the safety of others or extended placement is in the best interests of the student.

Summer School. Students in DAEP during summer programs will be served in DAEP separate from other students.

Criminal Proceedings. The review and appeal process described below does not apply if the student was placed in DAEP as required by law for conduct occurring on or within 300 feet of school property, at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or for a false alarm or report or terroristic threat involving a public school.

If the District receives notice that prosecution of a student's case was refused and no formal proceedings, deferred adjudication, or deferred prosecution will be initiated or a court or jury found the student not guilty or did not engage in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision and dismissed the student's case with prejudice, the District will review the student's DAEP placement and will schedule a review with the student's parent/guardian no later than the third day after receiving notice. The student will not be returned to the regular classroom before the review. After reviewing the notice and receiving information from the student's parent/guardian, the administrator may only continue the student's DAEP placement if the administration has reason to believe the student's presence in the regular classroom threatens the safety of others.

The administrator's decision may be appealed to the Board. In the event of an appeal, at the next scheduled meeting the Board will: (1) review the notice, (2) hear statements from the student, the student's parent/guardian, and the administrator, and (3) confirm or reverse the decision of the administrator.

If the Board confirms the decision of the administrator, the student and the student's parent/guardian have the right to appeal to the Commissioner of Education. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom while the appeal is pending.

EXPULSION

REASONS FOR MANDATORY EXPULSION

School-Related. A student must be expelled for any of the following misconduct that occurs on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Brings to school a firearm, as defined by federal law (*see definitions*).
- Uses, exhibits, or possesses the following items, as defined by state law: (1) a firearm*, (2) an illegal knife, (3) a club, or (4) a prohibited weapon. (*see definitions*) *Firearm note: So long as the firearm is not brought on school property, a student will not be expelled solely for using, exhibiting, or possessing a firearm at an off-campus approved target range facility while participating in or preparing for a school-sponsored shooting sports competition or while participating in or preparing for a shooting sports educational activity sponsored or supported by the Parks and Wildlife Department or a shooting sports sanctioning organization with the Department.
- Engages in the following misconduct as defined in the Texas Penal Code: (1) aggravated assault, (2) sexual assault, (3) aggravated sexual assault, (4) arson, (5) murder, (6) capital murder, (7) criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder, (8) indecency with a child, (9) aggravated kidnapping, (10) aggravated robbery, (11) manslaughter, (12) criminally negligent homicide, or (13) continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children.
- Sells, gives, delivers, possesses, uses, or is under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance (*see definitions*), a dangerous drug (*see definitions*), or an alcoholic beverage (*see definitions*) if the behavior is punishable as a felony.
- Commits a serious act or offense while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage if the behavior is punishable as a felony.

A student will also be expelled for any of the following offenses that occur on school property, within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the District's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Sells, gives, delivers, possesses, uses, or is under the influence of any amount of marijuana, a controlled substance, dangerous drug, or alcoholic beverage, if it is the 2nd infraction in the same school year and the conduct is not punishable as a felony.
- Commits a serious act while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage if it is the 2nd infraction in the same school year and the conduct is not punishable as a felony.
- Engages in misconduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to abusable volatile chemicals (*see definitions*) if it is the 2nd infraction in the same school year.

REASONS FOR
DISCRETIONARY
EXPULSION

Regardless of Location. A student must be expelled if the student engages in the following misconduct, regardless of whether the conduct occurred on or off campus:

- Retaliates against a school employee or volunteer by committing a state-mandated expellable offense.
- Issues a false alarm or report (see *definitions*) or a terroristic threat (see *definitions*) involving a public school for the 2nd time in the same school year.

School-Related. A student may be expelled for any of the following offenses that occur on school property, within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the District's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property:

- Commits an assault (see *definitions*) resulting in bodily injury to a school employee or volunteer.
- Engages in deadly conduct (see *definitions*).
- Engages in serious (see *definitions*) or persistent (see *definitions*) misbehavior that violates this SCC while the student is placed in DAEP.

Three Hundred Feet. Additionally, a student may be expelled for any of the following offenses that occur within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the District's real property boundary line:

- Possesses a firearm, as defined by federal law (see *definitions*).
- Uses, exhibits, or possesses the following items, as defined by state law: (1) a firearm*, (2) an illegal knife, (3) a club, or (4) a prohibited weapon. (See *definitions*) *See *Firearm Note in mandatory expulsion section above*.
- Engages in the following misconduct as defined in the Texas Penal Code: (1) aggravated assault, (2) sexual assault, (3) aggravated sexual assault, (4) arson, (5) murder, (6) capital murder, (7) criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder, (8) indecency with a child, (9) aggravated kidnapping, (10) aggravated robbery, (11) manslaughter, (12) criminally negligent homicide, or (13) continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children.

Regardless of Location. A student may be expelled if the student engages in the following misconduct, regardless of whether the conduct occurred on or off campus:

- Commits aggravated assault, sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, murder, capital murder, criminal attempt to commit murder or capital murder, or aggravated robbery against another student.
- Retaliates against a school employee or volunteer by committing an assault (see *definitions*) resulting in bodily injury.
- Engages in criminal mischief if the damage is \$1,500 or more.
- Engages in breach of computer security by accessing a computer, computer network, or computer system owned by or operated on behalf of a school district and knowingly alters, damages, or deletes school district property or information or breaches any other computer, computer network, or computer system.
- Commits a state-mandated expellable offense on the school property of another Texas school district or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity of another Texas school district.

Title 5 Felonies Regardless of Location. In addition to the expellable conduct listed above, a student may also be expelled and placed in DAEP if the student:

- is arrested for a Title 5 felony offense (see *definitions*) or aggravated robbery,
- is charged with engaging in a Title 5 felony offense or aggravated robbery,
- received deferred adjudication or deferred prosecution for a Title 5 felony offense or aggravated robbery,
- is on probation for a Title 5 felony offense or aggravated robbery,
- was found by a court or jury to have engaged in delinquent conduct for a Title 5 felony offense or aggravated robbery,
- has been referred to a juvenile court for delinquent conduct based on a Title 5 felony offense or aggravated robbery, or
- was convicted of a Title 5 felony offense or aggravated robbery;

and the administrator determines the student's presence in the regular classroom either threatens the safety of other students or teachers, is detrimental to the educational process, or is not in the best interests of the District's students.

EMERGENCY
EXPULSION

PROCEDURE FOR
EXPULSION

In this circumstance, expulsion to an alternative setting may be ordered regardless of: (1) the date on which the conduct occurred, (2) the location at which the conduct occurred, (3) whether the student was enrolled in the District at the time the conduct occurred, or (4) whether the student successfully completed any court disposition requirements regarding the conduct.

A student may be subject to an expulsion under this circumstance until: (1) the student graduates from high school, (2) the charges are dismissed or reduced to a misdemeanor, (3) the student completes the term of the placement, or (4) the District assigns the student to a another program. The student will be entitled to the same periodic review afforded to other students in alternate settings. An expulsion ordered in this case is final and may not be appealed beyond the Board of Trustees.

An administrator may order the immediate expulsion of a student if the administrator reasonably believes the emergency expulsion is necessary to protect persons or property from imminent harm. The reason for the emergency expulsion must also be a reason for which expulsion could be ordered on a non-emergency basis. At the time of the emergency expulsion, the student will be told the reason for the action. No later than the tenth day after the date of emergency expulsion, the student will be given a hearing as required for a regular expulsion; see below.

Hearing. Students alleged to have committed an expellable offense will receive a hearing before the campus principal within a reasonable time following the alleged misconduct. The student's parent/guardian will be informed of the basis for the proposed expulsion and be invited in writing to attend the hearing. After making an effort to inform the student and parent/guardian of the hearing, the District may hold the hearing regardless of whether the student or the student's parent/guardian attends. At the hearing, the student is entitled to:

- Representation by an adult, including the student's parent/guardian, who can provide guidance to the student and who is not an employee of the District;
- An opportunity to question the District's witnesses; and
- An opportunity to testify and to review and present evidence and witnesses in the student's defense.

Additional proceedings may be conducted and additional discipline may be imposed if the student engages in additional misconduct while the student is already expelled.

LENGTH OF
EXPULSION

Interim Placement. Until an expulsion hearing can be held, the student may be placed in another appropriate classroom, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, or DAEP.

Expulsion Order. If the outcome of the expulsion hearing is that the student will be expelled, the appropriate administrator will issue an expulsion order and provide a copy to the student and the student's parent/guardian. If the duration of the expulsion differs from the guidelines in the SCC, the expulsion order will give notice of the inconsistency.

The District will send a copy of the expulsion order to the juvenile court no later than the second business day after the expulsion hearing. A copy of the expulsion order will be included with any records sent to a school where the student seeks to enroll. The enrolling school district has discretion to enforce the expulsion order.

The duration of the expulsion will be determined on a case-by-case basis using the criteria identified in the "Discipline Considerations" section of this SCC. Both mandatory and discretionary expulsions will result in expulsion for up to 180 school days. Students who bring a firearm (as defined by federal law) to school will be expelled from the regular classroom for at least one calendar year except as modified by the administrator on a case-by-case basis.

An expulsion will not exceed one calendar year unless, after review, the District determines that: (1) the student is a threat to the safety of other students or to District employees; or (2) extended expulsion is in the best interest of the student.

Students expelled at the end of one school year may be required to complete the term of their expulsion at the beginning of the next school year.

OTHER EXPULSION
ISSUES

Academic Impact. Students will not receive academic credit for work missed during the period of expulsion unless the student is enrolled in a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) or other District-approved program or as required by IDEA or Section 504.

Participation in Activities. Expelled students are prohibited from being on school grounds or attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities while expelled.

Age Restrictions. Students under the age of ten that engage in expellable behavior will not be expelled, but will be placed in DAEP.

Effect of Student Withdrawal. If a student withdraws from the District before the expulsion hearing is conducted, the District may proceed with conducting the hearing after sending written notice to the parent/guardian and student. If the student re-enrolls during the same or subsequent school year the District may enforce the expulsion order at that time; students will be credited for any expulsion period that was served by the student while enrolled in another district.

If the administrator does not issue an expulsion order after the student withdraws, the next district in which the student enrolls may complete the proceedings and issue an expulsion order.

Student Transfers. The District will continue the expulsion of students expelled from either another Texas school district or from an out-of-state school district for behavior that is also a reason for expulsion in the enrolling district, until the term of expulsion has been served. If the out-of-state expulsion exceeds one year, the District will reduce the period of the expulsion so that the total expulsion does not exceed one year unless the District determines that the student is a threat to the safety of others or extended placement is in the best interest of the student.

An expelled student may appeal the expulsion decision to the Superintendent, or designee, as provided by policy. The student or student's parent/guardian must submit a written appeal to the Superintendent, or designee, within 10 days after receipt of the expulsion order or decision. The Superintendent, or designee, will give the student or the student's parent/guardian written notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting at which the Superintendent, or designee, will review the decision. Consequences will not be delayed pending the outcome of the appeal. Consequences will not be delayed pending the outcome of the appeal.

A more detailed explanation of the expulsion appeal process is contained in District policy FOD (LOCAL). A copy of the appropriate policy is available at the campus or central administration office or online at <http://www.greenvilleisd.com>.

DEFINITIONS

ABUSABLE VOLATILE CHEMICALS: Those substances as defined in Texas Health and Safety Code § 485.001.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: Those substances as defined in Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code § 1.04.

ARMOR-PIERCING AMMUNITION: Handgun ammunition that is designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor and to be used primarily in pistols and revolvers or other firearms.

ASSAULT: For student discipline purposes, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another.

BODILY INJURY: Physical pain, illness, or impairment of a physical condition.

BULLYING: Written or verbal expression or physical conduct that the campus administrator determines (1) has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; or (2) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.

CHEMICAL DISPENSING DEVICE: A device other than a small chemical dispenser sold commercially for personal protection, that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of dispensing a substance capable of causing an adverse psychological or physiological effect on an individual.

CLUB: An instrument specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with the instrument, including a blackjack, nightstick, mace, and tomahawk.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: Substances as defined in Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code or 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.

CRIMINAL STREET GANG: Three or more persons having a common identifying sign or symbol or an identifiable leadership which continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activities.

CYBERBULLYING: Using any electronic communications device to engage in bullying or intimidation.

DANGEROUS DRUG: Substances as defined in Chapter 483 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

DEADLY CONDUCT: Recklessly engaging in conduct that places another in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or by knowingly discharging a firearm in the direction of an individual, habitation, building, or vehicle.

EXPLOSIVE WEAPON: Any explosive or incendiary bomb, grenade, rocket, or mine that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, or for the principal purpose of causing such a loud report as to cause undue public alarm or terror. It includes a device designed, made or adapted for delivery or shooting an explosive weapon.

FALSE ALARM OR REPORT: Knowingly initiating, communicating, or circulating a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that is known to be false or baseless and that would ordinarily: (1) cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies; (2) place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or (3) prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, place of assembly, publicly accessible place, or mode of conveyance such as an automobile.

FIGHTING: Two or more persons engaged in any mutual violent or physically aggressive contact toward each other such as scuffling, pushing, shoving, or hitting.

FIREARM (Federal law): (1) any weapon, including a starter gun, that will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (2) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (3) any firearm muffler or firearm weapon; or (4) any destructive device, such as any explosive, incendiary or poison gas bomb, grenade, missile, rocket, or mine.

FIREARM (State law): Any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use.

FIREARM SILENCER: Any device designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

GANG: An organization, combination, or association of persons composed wholly or in part of students that: (1) seeks to perpetuate itself by taking in additional members on the basis of the decision of the membership rather than on the free choice of the individual, or (2) that engages in illegal and/or violent activities. In identifying gangs and associated gang attire, signs, or symbols, the District will consult with law enforcement authorities.

GRAFFITI: Making marks of any kind on the tangible property of another without the effective consent of the owner.

HARASSMENT: Threatening to cause harm or bodily injury to another, engaging in sexually intimidating conduct, causing physical damage to the property of another, subjecting another to physical confinement or restraint, maliciously taking any action that substantially harms another's physical or emotional health or safety, or other conduct prohibited by District policy FFH or DIA.

HAZING: Any act, occurring on or off the campus, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purposes of pledging, initiation into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. Consent to or acquiescence in the hazing activity does not excuse the student of responsibility for the misconduct.

HIT LIST: List of people targeted to be harmed using a firearm, knife, or any other object to be used with intent to cause bodily harm.

ILLEGAL KNIFE: A knife with a blade over 5 ½ inches; hand instrument designed to cut or stab another by being thrown; dagger, including but not limited to a dirk, stiletto, and poniard; bowie knife; sword; or spear.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: Those acts defined in Texas Penal Code section 21.08.

INTENT: The design, resolve, or determination with which a person acts. Since intent is a state of mind, it is ordinarily proved through inferences drawn from the act and/or circumstances surrounding the act. Intent includes the conscious objective or desire to engage in the conduct or cause the result, an awareness that the conduct is reasonably certain to cause the result, or disregard of a substantial and justifiable risk when there is an awareness that the circumstances exist or the result will occur.

KNIFE: A bladed hand instrument that is capable of inflicting serious bodily injury or death by cutting or stabbing.

KNUCKLES: Any instrument consisting of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles.

MACHINE GUN: Any firearm capable of shooting more than two shots automatically, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

PARAPHERNALIA: Any article or device used or intended for use to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug into the human body, including but not limited to roach clips, rolling papers, needles, baggies with residue, razor blades, or pipes.

PERSISTENT: Three or more violations of the SCC or repeated occurrences of the same violation.

POSSESSION: To have in or on: (1) a student's person or in the student's personal property, such as the student's clothing, purse, or backpack; (2) in any vehicle used by the student for transportation to or from school or school-related activities, such as an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or bicycle; or (3) any other school property used by the student, such as a locker or desk.

PROHIBITED WEAPONS: A prohibited weapon includes the following items: armor-piercing ammunition, chemical dispensing device, explosive weapon, firearm silencer, knuckles, machine gun, short-barrel firearm, switchblade knife, zip gun, or tire deflation device.

PUBLIC LEWDNESS: Those acts defined in Texas Penal Code § 21.07.

REASONABLE BELIEF: A determination that misconduct occurred made by the administrator using all available factual and legal information, including information furnished under Article 15.27 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

RETALIATION: Harming or threatening to harm another: (1) on account of their service as a District employee or volunteer, (2) to prevent or delay another's service to the District, or (3) because the person intends to report a crime.

SELF-DEFENSE: To claim self-defense, the student must (1) be without fault in provoking the encounter and not act as the aggressor, and (2) use the minimum force required to remove himself or herself from immediate danger of harm. Actions that escalate or continue the encounter will not be considered self-defense. Interactions prior to the encounter will also be considered.

SERIOUS: Any misconduct identified as being punishable with placement in DAEP or expulsion.

SEX OFFENDER: A student required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for an offense committed on or after September 1, 2007. The term does not include a student who: (1) is no longer required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, (2) is exempt from registering as a sex offender under Chapter 62, or (3) receives an early termination of the obligation to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's performance; creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; otherwise adversely affects the student's educational opportunities, or is prohibited by District policy FFH or FNC.

SHORT-BARREL FIREARM: A rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, or any weapon made from a rifle or shotgun if, as altered, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

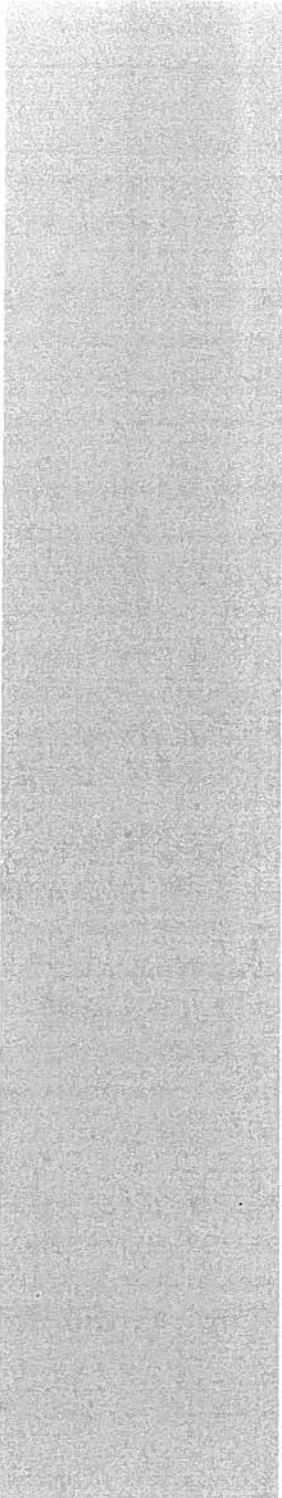
SWITCHBLADE KNIFE: Any knife with a blade that folds, closes, or retracts into the handle or sheath and that opens automatically by pressing a button or other device located on the handle or opens or releases a blade from the handle or sheath by the force of gravity or centrifugal force. It does not include a knife that has a spring, detent, or other mechanism designed to create a bias toward closure and that requires exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist, or arm to overcome the bias toward closure and open the knife (also known as one-handed openers or assisted openers).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE: Any type of device that: (1) emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor, or (2) permits the recording, transmission, and/or receipt of messages, voices, images, or information in any format or media, electronic or otherwise. It does not include an amateur radio under control of someone with an amateur radio license.

TERRORISTIC THREAT: Threats to commit any offense involving violence to any person or property with intent to: (1) cause a reaction by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies; (2) place any person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; (3) prevent or interrupt the occupation or use of a building, room, place of assembly, place to which the public has access, place of employment or occupation, aircraft, automobile, or other form of conveyance, or other public place; (4) cause impairment or interruption of public communications, public transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public service; (5) place the public or a substantial group of the public in fear of serious bodily injury; or (6) influence the conduct or activities of a branch or agency of the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state (including the District).

TITLE 5 FELONY OFFENSES: Offenses against the person that, depending on the circumstances, may include murder; capital murder; manslaughter; criminally negligent homicide; unlawful restraint; kidnapping; aggravated kidnapping; trafficking of persons; unlawful transport; assault; aggravated assault; sexual assault; aggravated sexual assault; improper relationship between educator and student; indecency with a child; injury to a child, an elderly person, or a disabled person; abandoning or endangering a child; improper photography or visual recording; deadly conduct; terroristic threat; aiding a person to commit suicide; harassment by a person in a correctional facility; continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children; and tampering with a consumer product.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE: When in the employee's professional judgment, the student does not have the normal use of mental or physical faculties likely attributable to the student's use of a prohibited substance. Such impairment may be evidenced by the symptoms typically associated with drug or alcohol use or other abnormal or erratic behavior or by the student's admission. The student need not be legally intoxicated.



USE: With respect to substances, voluntarily injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing a prohibited substance into the body. With respect to objects or devices, putting into action or service or carrying out an action or purpose with the object or device.

ZIP GUN: A device or combination of devices that was not originally a firearm and is adapted to expel a projectile through a smooth-bore or rifled-bore barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance.

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Greenville I.S.D. Level System For Student Conduct

Level System

Disciplinary offenses in the *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct* are categorized into five levels that identify sample offenses and possible disciplinary options available to the teacher or administrator. In general, discipline shall be progressively administered so each level has an increasing degree of intervention designed to promote student self-discipline unless Board Policy, state law, or the Student Code of Conduct specifies otherwise. Depending on the circumstances and severity of the particular offense, progressive discipline may not be administered. The teacher or administrator responsible for the discipline of a student in a given situation may use discretion in determining the action(s) most appropriate to the setting and the infraction, except in regard to mandatory placements specified in state law (Level IV and V offenses). Campus administrators have the authority to discipline students for violations of the *Student Handbook and Code of Conduct* that occur on campus, on a school bus, or at school-related or school-sponsored activities, as well as certain off-campus offenses as specified by law.

Levels I, II, III, IV, and V

The discipline charts on the following pages depict examples of offenses and disciplinary options applicable at each level (elementary, middle school, and high school) for Levels I, II, and III. Level IV offenses are assessed DAEP placements and Level V offenses are assessed JJAEP placements. There is no appeal process for disciplinary consequences assigned at Levels I, II, and III and at Level IV if the placement in the DAEP does not extend beyond 60 days or the end of the next grading period, whichever is earlier, and Level V expulsions are the only disciplinary consequences that entitle students to a hearing. Parental questions or complaints regarding ancillary issues related to disciplinary measures taken in these cases should be addressed to the teacher or campus administration, as appropriate and in accordance with *Board Policy FNG* (LOCAL). Refer to the charts for the offenses and consequences as follows:

Level I Disciplinary Chart

Level I: Teacher Directed

Many behaviors can be successfully managed by the classroom teacher. There should be immediate and consistent intervention of any behavior which impedes orderly classroom procedures or interferes with the orderly operation of the school.

Procedures:

1. Intervention should occur by the teacher who is supervising the student or who observes the misbehavior.
2. A record of offenses and disciplinary actions shall be maintained by the teacher and the appropriate administrator.
3. The teacher may want to discuss the misbehavior with the parent, administrator, and/or support personnel.
4. Level I Offenses and Disciplinary Options are not limited to those listed.
5. Repeated violations shall result in a more severe response including up to 10 days in
6. ISS and/or referral to Level II.

EXAMPLES OF OFFENSES UNDER LEVEL I

1. Tardiness
2. Running, making noises, obstructing, disrupting classroom, building etc.
3. Failing to follow classroom rules
4. Neglecting to bring required materials, supplies to class
5. Failing to participate in classroom activities
6. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum
7. Throwing objects or passing notes
8. Talking back, arguing, name calling
9. Horseplay, scuffling (not fighting)
10. Possessing or using nuisance items
11. Disrupting the orderly classroom process
12. Spitting (no bodily contact)
13. Cheating

EXAMPLES OF DISCIPLINARY OPTIONS

ELEMENTARY and SECONDARY

1. Counseling
2. Parental conference or notification
3. Verbal or written correction
4. Seating changes
5. Removal from classroom
6. Referral to assistant principal
7. Contract to modify behavior
8. Loss of privileges
9. Calming down time
10. Rewards or demerits
11. Confiscation of item
12. Detention before/after school or during lunch
13. Assignment of school related duties or tasks
14. Other methods and consequences as stated in SCOC

LEVEL II DISCIPLINARY CHART

Level II: Administrator Directed

Some infractions will result in a referral to an administrator. The disciplinary action(s) will depend on the offense, previous actions, and the seriousness of the misbehavior. More than one disciplinary option may be assigned.

Procedures:

1. Written referral to administrator.
2. Administrator confers with student and/or teacher to establish appropriate disciplinary consequence(s).
3. Copies of appropriate discipline notices are sent to the teacher and/or parent indicating misbehavior and action(s) taken. Parents are to sign and return to school.
4. Each campus has the authority to establish appropriate disciplinary consequences based on campus needs which may be different than other campuses in the District. As long as the individual campus is consistent in administering disciplinary options on the campus, there is no basis for a claim of discrimination. It is important to note that two students committing the same offense on the same campus may have different disciplinary actions based on evaluation of all applicable factors including, but not limited to, the overall disciplinary record of the student.
5. Level II Offenses and Disciplinary Options are not limited to these provided.
6. Repeated violations shall result in a more severe response including up to 20 days ISS and/or referral to Level III.

EXAMPLES OF OFFENSES UNDER LEVEL II

1. Committing persistent offenses from level I (minor acts of misconduct, including repeated tardies)
2. Using food inappropriately
3. Using inappropriate language
4. Failing to comply with directions of a member of the school staff, being disrespectful or insubordinate
5. Being truant, including skipping class and/or leaving school/class without permission
6. Being tardy excessively
7. Physically contacting another student creating a disrupting environment
8. Violating dress and grooming standards
9. Creating or participating in a disturbance
10. Failing to serve an administrative discipline assignment
11. Abusing the use of a hall pass
12. Possessing lighters or matches
13. Using, displaying, or having in operational mode a playing device, cellular phone, or any telecommunication device at school during the school day without signed parental and school authorization

14. Possessing a laser pointer for other than the approved use
15. Telling a falsehood to an adult
16. Defacing or damaging library or classroom materials or textbooks
17. Possessing or using a skateboard, scooter, roller blades, shoes with wheels, or other similar devices
18. Possessing CD or DVD players, cassette players, electronic games, MP3 players, stereo headsets, or any other electronic equipment other than approved use
19. Being present in an area without permission
20. Public display of affection
21. Loitering on school campus before or after school
22. Selling or soliciting for sale unauthorized merchandise
23. Posting or distributing unauthorized publications
24. Violating parking rules/procedures (secondary)
25. Violating the acceptable use policy for computers

EXAMPLES OF DISCIPLINARY OPTIONS

ELEMENTARY and SECONDARY

1. Written verbal correction
2. Loss or restriction of privileges, Participation or membership in co-Curricular or extracurricular activities, and seeking or holding honorary positions
3. Confiscation of items
4. Fifteen (\$15) charge for cell phones
5. Required parental conference/notification
6. Transfer to different classroom or campus counseling
7. Counseling
8. Detention: Before, During Lunch, or After School
9. Assignments of school related tasks or duties
10. Consequences identified in co-curricular or extra-curricular codes of conduct, constitutions, or by-laws
11. Contacting law enforcement (possible citation by law enforcement)
12. In-School Suspension
13. Out-of-School Suspension
14. Greenville Alternative Education Placement
15. Demerits or Rewards
16. Calming down time

LEVEL III DISCIPLINARY CHART

Level III: Administrator Directed

Serious offenses are defined, but not limited to, those listed below. Persistent shall be defined as two or more violations of the code in general or repeated occurrences of the same violation. More than one disciplinary option may be assigned.

Procedures:

1. The administrator investigates the infraction(s) and, if necessary confers with the teacher.
2. The administrator determines appropriate disciplinary action(s) and notifies the student and the parents and/or guardian. The student is afforded proper due process.
3. Each campus has the authority to establish appropriate disciplinary consequences based on campus needs which may be different than other campuses in the District. As long as the individual campus is consistent in administering disciplinary options on the campus, there is no basis for a claim of discrimination. It is important to note that two students committing the same offense on the same campus may have different disciplinary actions based on evaluation of all applicable factors including, but not limited to, the overall disciplinary record of the student.
4. Level III Offenses and Disciplinary Options are not limited to those provided.
5. Repeated violations shall result in a more severe response including ISS/GAEP.

EXAMPLES OF OFFENSES UNDER LEVEL III

1. Committing persistent offenses from level II, including bus infractions
2. Engaging in conduct that disrupts the school environment or educational process, including while in DAEP
3. Using profane, vulgar, obscene, or threatening language (written or verbal) or obscene gestures
4. Intentionally or knowingly making libelous or slanderous remarks (verbal or written) about students, employees, or others
5. Using ethnic, racial, or gender-related slurs (verbal or written) or committing inappropriate acts that are directed toward a specific racial or ethnic person or group
6. Fighting; encouraging or promoting a fight
7. Using lighters or matches
8. Possessing or using tobacco
9. Using a laser pointer for other than approved use
10. Possessing, distributing, or using fireworks of any kind, stink bombs, smoke bombs, "poppers," other noxious chemicals (including pepper-spray or mace-type materials), or "shock" pens and other similar devices
11. Possessing ammunition, including paintballs
12. Possessing, distributing, or creating pornographic or sexually-oriented material and/or accessing pornography via the district's computer system

13. Possessing, distributing, and/or concealing a prohibited weapon, including knives that are not illegal, BB guns, paintball guns, pellet guns, slingshots, etc., not included as a mandatory removable or expellable offense
14. Possessing drug paraphernalia
15. Stealing or unauthorized possession of another person's property, theft; committing burglary
16. Exhibiting, possession, delivering, using, or selling look-alike weapons
17. Forging or altering school records, parent notes, forms, or other school/home communications
18. Mutual combat with another student or adult that is not a mandatory removable or expellable offense
19. Vandalizing, including defacement of or damage to school property, and graffiti not included as a mandatory removable or expellable offense, inappropriate use of property that has the potential to cause damage or injury
20. Failing to disclose information, hiding/covering up (for self or others) information/evidence, committing perjury, or lying as a witness during a school investigation
21. Engaging in behavior that is illegal that does not constitute a mandatory removable or expellable offense
22. Engaging in sexual conduct
23. Engaging in sexual harassment (verbal or written), including stalking
24. Mooning, streaking, other forms of nudity, exposing undergarments or those of another ("pantsing")
25. Hazing, harassing or stalking (non-sexual), bullying
26. Creating a situation that may constitute a potential health hazard or result in possible injury (bodily fluids, pulling chair out from someone, taking more than the recommended dosage of a medicine, etc.)
27. Gambling
28. Hacking (illegal or unauthorized entry or attempted entry into computer files)
29. Interfering with school activities, including trespassing, boycotting, and group demonstrations, and falsifying a "safety net" report
30. Participating in an unauthorized organization, secret society, or gang; gang-related activity
31. Possessing a current prescription (student's own medication) or possessing, distributing, or using a nonprescription drug, natural and/or homeopathic-like substances, or dietary supplements
32. Sending or posting electronic messages or images that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, harassing, illegal, or that cause a material or substantial disruption of school
33. Using any device or technology to copy or capture an image or the content of any District materials (such as tests or exams) without permission
34. Making, participating in the making of, transmitting to another via an electronic device, or posting to the Internet a digital, video, or audio recording of an actual or simulated act that involves conduct prohibited by the Code of Conduct. (Students who are not involved in the prohibited conduct will not be disciplined under this provision as long as they report the incident to a school employee, turn over the recording to a school employee as soon as possible after the incident, and do not provide a copy of the recording to anyone other than law enforcement or school employees.)
35. Using any device or technology that permits recording the voice or image of another in any way that disrupts the educational environment, invades the privacy of others, or to

record the voice or image of another without the prior consent of the individual being recorded

36. Using any device or technology that permits recording of the voice or image of another to take, disseminate, transfer, circulate, exhibit, present, or share audio, images, video, or photos that reveal private parts of the body that are normally covered by clothing (aka sexting)
37. Using the name, persona, or image of a student, District employee, or volunteer to create a web page or post one or more messages on a website without the person's consent for purposes of harassing, intimidating, embarrassing, or threatening another
38. Using email, websites, or electronic devices to encourage illegal conduct, violations of the SCC, or to threaten school safety
39. Attempting to or successfully accessing or circumventing passwords or other security-related information of the District, officials, volunteers, employees, or other students by any means
40. Attempting to or successfully altering, destroying, interrupting, or disabling District computer equipment, District data, the data of other users of the District's computer system, or other networks connected to the District's system, including uploading or creating computer viruses, worms, or other harmful material
41. Engaging in any of the above forms of technological misconduct outside of school when such conduct causes a material or substantial disruption at school as determined by the school officials

EXAMPLES OF DISCIPLINARY OPTIONS

ELEMENTARY and SECONDARY

1. Written verbal correction
2. Loss or restriction of privileges, Participation or membership in co-Curricular or extracurricular activities, and seeking or holding honorary positions.
3. Confiscation of items
4. Fifteen (\$15) charge for cell phones
5. Required parental conference/notification
6. Transfer to different classroom or campus counseling
7. Counseling
8. Detention: Before, During Lunch, or After School
9. Assignments of school related tasks or duties
10. Consequences identified in co-curricular or extra-curricular codes of conduct, constitutions, or by-laws
11. Contacting law enforcement (possible citation by law enforcement)
12. In-School Suspension
13. Out-of-School Suspension
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NOTES:

School officials shall notify a local law enforcement authority if they suspect that criminal acts have occurred on school or District property or at a school-sponsored event. These individuals also have the authority to involve law enforcement in any discipline or campus situation where it is deemed necessary.

If a student is charged with a felony on campus or at a school-related event for any of the offenses listed at Level III, the student is automatically disciplined at Level IV or V as appropriate.

Sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics and marching band, may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to these standards.

Level IV (DAEP placement) and Level V (expulsion) offenses are listed on pages 15-22 and 22-28 respectively in the Student Code of Conduct.

Persistent misconduct at Level III may result in placement in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP).