

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Ohio Revised Code §3313.66 requires that students are provided with a written notice of intent to suspend prior to being suspended. The statute also requires that students and parents are provided with a written notice of intent to expel. The notices shall include: (1) a statement of intent to discipline; (2) a description of the acts which were in violation of the student and/or athletic code of conduct; (3) specific rules of the Student Code of Conduct which were violated; and (4) the dates of the suspension, expulsion.

The written notice of intent to suspend shall be given to the student at an informal hearing. The notice of intent to expel shall be sent to the student and his/her parents and the students and parents will be provided an opportunity for an informal hearing prior to a decision to expel.

Students will receive an unexcused absence for each school day missed as a result of a suspension and/or expulsion. A student, parent, guardian or legal custodian may appeal any decision of the Oak Hills Local School District administration to suspend a student from school to the Superintendent/designee. A student, parent, guardian or legal custodian may appeal an expulsion from school to the Board of Education or its designee. A student, parent, guardian or legal custodian must request an appeal in writing within 14 calendar days after receipt of the formal written notice of suspension or expulsion. Failure to timely file an appeal in this manner waives any rights to appeal the suspension or expulsion. The student, parent, guardian or legal custodian may be represented in all appeal hearings. Pursuant to Ohio law a student, parent, guardian or legal custodian may further appeal an expulsion, suspension to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

It is the policy of Oak Hills Local School District Board of Education that students shall not be permitted to return to school pending any appeal process with the administration or the court. The school district will make every effort to promptly hear all appeals to minimize a student's absence from school. Should the Board of Education or the Superintendent/designees reverse or modify a discipline decision and permit a student to return to school, such student shall be permitted ample time to make up all assignments and work missed as a result of his/her absence.

This Code of Regulations is adopted by the Board of Education of the Oak Hills Local School District pursuant to Sections 3313.661 and 3313.662, Ohio Revised Code.

Any student engaging in the following types of conduct listed below (either specifically or generally) is subject to expulsion, suspension, emergency suspension, removal or permanent exclusion from curricular activities pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

This Code of Regulations applies while a student is in the custody or control of the school, on school grounds or closely proximate thereto, while at a school-sponsored function, school organization function or activity, or on school-owned or provided transportation vehicles. In addition, the Student Code of Conduct governs student activities at all times on or off school property when such student conduct is reasonably related to the health, safety and welfare of students or such conduct would unreasonably interrupt the educational processes of the Oak Hills Local School District.

The Superintendent/designee may require a student to perform community service in conjunction with or in place of a suspension or expulsion. The guidelines under which this community service shall be performed are:

- a. The student and parent will execute a document agreeing to the community service in conjunction with or in place of a suspension or expulsion. If community service is not completed to the Superintendent/designee's satisfaction, all or part of the suspension or expulsion may be reinstated.
- b. Community service shall be performed at the place and time designated by the Superintendent/designee.
- c. Community service is an option to be utilized at the sole discretion of the Superintendent/designee and is not available at the discretion of the student and parent.
- d. Any failure to complete community service in a timely and acceptable manner shall result in the immediate cancellation of the community service option and the immediate imposition of suspension or expulsion. Prior to imposing a suspension/expulsion for failure to complete community service, the parent/guardian and student shall be sent a written notice of the Superintendent/designee's intention and shall have three (3) days from the mailing of the notice to request a meeting with the Superintendent to show cause why the suspension/expulsion should not be imposed.

The types of conduct prohibited by this Code of Regulations are as follows:

Rule #1: Damage or destruction of school property, property of school employees, or property of other students, on or off of school premises.

Rule #2: Damage or destruction of private property on school premises or in areas controlled by the school.

Rule #3: Assault on a school employee, student or other person.

Rule #4: Harassment of school personnel or other students during school and/or non-school hours. Sexual harassment, bullying and/or any other type of acts of harassment of school personnel or students is prohibited. Any staff or student experiencing these acts should immediately report the behavior to an administrator.

Rule #5: Fighting.

Rule #6: Hazing (to persecute or harass or humiliate another student and/or employee).

Rule #7: Chronic misbehavior which disrupts or interferes with any school activity.

Rule #8: Disregard of reasonable directions or commands by school authorities including school administrators and teachers.

Rule #9: Abuse of another. No student shall in spoken or written form use or direct to, or about a school employee, or student, words, phrases, or actions which are considered to be slanderous, degrading or threatening in nature, and/or words or phrases which are obscene or profane as defined by the majority of our society. Name calling and negative, uncomplimentary and offensive remarks related to physical handicaps or defects, mental handicaps, race, religion, nationality, appearance or other reason are prohibited.

Rule #10: Disrespect to a teacher or other school authority.

Rule #11: Refusing to take detention or other properly administered discipline.

Rule #12: Skipping detention.

Rule #13: Falsifying of information given to school authorities in the legitimate pursuit of their jobs.

Rule #14: Forgery of school or school related documents.

Rule #15: Cheating or plagiarizing.

Rule #16: Gambling.

Rule #17: Extortion of a student or school personnel.

Rule #18: Theft or possession of stolen goods.

Rule #19: Arson or other improper use of fire.

Rule #20: Possession of matches or lighters or other similar devices.

Rule #21: Possession or use of dangerous weapons or ordnance or objects which look like weapons or ordnance, including but not limited to, guns, firearms, ammunition, knives, grenades, sling shots, bows, arrows, machetes, brass knuckles, chains, studs, etc.; or possession or use of objects which may render physical harm to another if improperly used, including, but not limited to, axes, hatchets, hammers, saws, ice picks, screwdrivers, knives, etc.

Rule #22: Buying, selling, transferring, using or possessing any substance containing tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, clove cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff, and dip, or using tobacco in any other form.

Rule #23: Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana, etc.) or inhalants, or buying, selling, using, possessing or being under the influence of any counterfeit controlled substance (any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that is believed to be a controlled substance).

Rule #24: Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any drug, medication, inhalant or other controlled substance which can be taken internally where the students involved cannot show a legitimate health or other reason for the use of such substances.

Rule #25: Buying, selling, transferring, using, or possessing any drug or alcoholic paraphernalia to include instruments, objects, papers, pipes, containers, etc.

Rule #26: A student that carries a cell phone or any other electronic device must follow reasonable directions or commands by school authorities including school administrators and teachers. The student is responsible to secure any electronic device in the manner prescribed by the building administration. Misuse of an electronic communication device during the school day may result in confiscation of that device by a staff member or administrator. Students may not take photographs, record or videotape on school grounds without the permission of teachers or administrators.

Rule #27: Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.

Rule #28: Cursing.

Rule #29: Use of indecent or obscene language in oral or written form.

Rule #30: Publication of obscene, pornographic or libelous material.

Rule #31: Placing of signs and slogans on school property without the permission of the proper school authority.

Rule #32: Distribution on school premises of pamphlets, leaflets, buttons, insignia, etc., without the permission of the proper school authority.

Rule #33: Demonstrations by individuals or groups causing disruption to the school program.

Rule #34: Truancy.

Rule #35: Tardiness.

Rule #36: Leaving school during school hours without permission of the proper school authority.

Rule #37: Upon initial arrival, leaving school property without permission.

Rule #38: Presence in areas during school hours or outside school hours where a student has no legitimate business without permission of the proper school authority.

Rule #39: Failure to abide by reasonable dress and appearance codes set forth in student handbooks or established by administration or the Board of Education. This includes the prohibition of all clothing, jewelry, signs, etc. which at the discretion of the administration is reasonably related to, or represents gang or gang-like activity.

Rule #40: Improper or suggestive dress.

Rule #41: Indecent exposure.

Rule #42: Engaging in sexual acts, displaying excessive affection or other inappropriate behavior with a person of the same or opposite sex.

Rule #43: Turning in false fire, tornado, bomb, disaster or other alarms, or any other activity that induces panic defined as:

- a. Initiating or circulating a report or warning of an alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime or other catastrophe, knowing that such a report or warning is false
- b. Threatening to commit an "offense of violence" or
- c. Committing any offense with reckless disregard of the likelihood that its commission will cause serious public inconvenience or alarm.

Rule #44: Presence on school property with a communicable disease.

Rule #45: Failure to abide by rules and regulations set forth by administration for student parking.

Rule #46: Disobedience of driving regulations while on school premises.

Rule #47: Convey, attempt to convey or knowingly possess a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance onto any property owned or controlled by or to any activity held under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Rule #48: Sell, offer to sell, or possess a controlled substance on school premises or at a school related function (trafficking in drugs).

Rule #49: Carrying concealed weapon.

Rule #50: Aggravated murder.

Rule #51: Murder.

Rule #52: Voluntary manslaughter.

Rule #53: Involuntary manslaughter.

Rule #54: Felonious assault.

Rule #55: Aggravated assault.

Rule #56: Rape.

Rule #57: Gross sexual imposition.

Rule #58: Felonious sexual penetration.

Rule #59: Any disruption or interference with school activities.

Rule #60: Willfully aiding another person to violate school violations.

Rule #61: Commission by a pupil of any crime in violation of the Ohio Criminal Code, Ohio Traffic Code or the Ohio Juvenile Code.

Rule #62: Any other activity by a pupil which the pupil knows or should know will disrupt the academic process or a curricular or extracurricular activity.

Rule #63: Failing to report the actions or plans of another person to a teacher or administrator where these actions or plans of another person, if carried out, could result in harm to another person or persons or damage property, when the student has information about such actions or plans.

Rule #64: Violation of any board rule, regulation or policy.