

Sisters School District 6

Code: **JFC**
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Orig. Code(s): JFC

Student Conduct **

The Board expects student conduct to contribute to a positive and productive learning climate. Students shall comply with the district's written rules, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials, and conduct themselves in an orderly manner during the school day and during district-sponsored activities. This conduct applies to students in route to and from school and to school-sponsored activities.

Careful attention shall be given to procedures and methods whereby fairness and consistency without bias in discipline shall be assured each student. The objectives of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline, realize the responsibility of one's actions and maintain a productive learning environment.

Students are subject to discipline for conduct while traveling to and from school, at the bus stop, at school-sponsored events, while at other schools in the district and while off campus whenever such conduct causes a substantial and material disruption of the educational environment or the invasion of the rights of others.

The following forms or displays of student misconduct, including but not limited to, shall be subject to discipline, suspension, or expulsion as per Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.250.

1. Assault;
2. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, cyber bullying or teen dating violence as prohibited by Board policy JFCF
Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence - Student and accompanying administrative regulation;
3. Coercion;
4. Threats of violence or harm as prohibited by Board policy JFCM - Threats of Violence;
5. Disorderly conduct;
6. Bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon as prohibited by Board policy JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools;
7. Vandalism, malicious mischief, or theft as prohibited by Board policy ECAB – Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, or Theft and JFCB – Care of District Property by Students) or willful damage or destruction of private property on district premises or at district-sponsored activities;

8. Sexual harassment as prohibited by Board policy JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment and accompanying administrative regulation;
9. Possession, distribution or use of tobacco products, inhalant delivery systems, alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances as prohibited by Board policy(s) JFCG/JFCH/JFCI – Use of Tobacco Products, Alcohol, Drugs or Inhalant Delivery System.
10. Use or display of profane or obscene language;
11. Disruption of the school environment;
12. Open defiance of a teacher's authority, including persistent failure to comply with the lawful directions of teachers or school officials;
13. Violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules.

The district recognizes that under the Unsafe School Choice Option of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLBA), a school can be deemed unsafe as a whole entity or for an individual student based on expulsions for weapons violations, violent behavior or expulsions for students arrested for the following criminal offenses occurring on district grounds, on district-sponsored transportation and/or at district-sponsored activities:

1. Assault;
2. Manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance;
3. Sexual crimes using force, threatened use of force or against incapacitated persons;
4. Arson;
5. Robbery;
6. Hate/Bias crimes;
7. Coercion; or
8. Kidnapping.

The district will record and report these infractions to the Oregon Department of Education, as required.

The district will provide the opportunity for all students in any district school identified as persistently dangerous or for any victim of a violent criminal offense occurring in or on the grounds of the school the student attends, to the extent feasible, the opportunity to transfer to a safe school within the district.

Students are prohibited from making knowingly false statements or knowingly submitting false information in bad faith as part of a complaint or report, or associated with an investigation into misconduct.¹

Parents, students and employees shall be notified by handbook, code of conduct or other documents of acceptable behavior, behavior subject to discipline and the procedures to address behavior and the consequences of that behavior. These procedures will include a system of consequences designed to correct student misconduct and promote acceptable behavior.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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| <u>ORS 339.240</u> | <u>ORS 339.260</u> |
| <u>ORS 339.250</u> | <u>ORS 659.850</u> |
| | <u>OAR 581-021</u> -0050 to -0075 |

Hazelwood Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Bethel Sch. Dist. v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).
Shorb v. Grotting and Powers Sch. Dist., Case No. 00CV-0255 (Coos County Circuit Ct.) (2000).
Ferguson v. Phoenix Talent Sch. Dist. #4, 172 Or. App. 389 (2001).
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. § 7912 (2006).

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¹ The district is prohibited from retaliating against any student “for the reason that the student has in good faith reported information that the student believes is evidence of a violation of a state of federal law, rule or regulation.” ORS 659.852