

Discipline Policies & Procedures

District 200 schools employ a variety of disciplinary measures to maintain a safe educational atmosphere. Students who display undesirable behavior are disciplined to help correct such behavior. When a student is involved in disciplinary action, the student will be afforded individual attention in a constructive manner. Discipline procedures will follow due process of law, including providing for appeals to other school authorities. For additional support, parents are informed of disciplinary action to enable the home and the school to work together to correct such behavior. All students are expected to know school rules that relate to conduct and discipline because inappropriate behavior disrupts the opportunity to learn.

DISCIPLINARY PRINCIPLES

Four principles govern all rules at all CUSD 200 Schools:

- Education is enhanced when student conduct is appropriate. Conduct that is disruptive to the educational process prohibits learning.
- Educational opportunity is a right enjoyed by all students. Conduct that infringes the rights of others is prohibited.
- School rules apply to all students while on school or District 200 property, and/or attendance/participation at any school-or District 200-sponsored activity.
- Students will be afforded individual attention in a positive manner, including the proper steps of due process of law, as well as the procedure for appealing such actions to other school or District officials.

APPLICATION OF DISCIPLINARY CODE

Grounds for disciplinary action apply whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including but not limited to conduct occurring:

- On school grounds or commencing on school grounds but occurring off school grounds, before, during, or after school hours or at any other time the student is participating in or attending a school-related activity
- Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event which bears a reasonable relationship to school
- Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function or event in school provided and/or transportation
- Anywhere, if the conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or attempted intimidation of a staff member, hazing of a student, or interference with school purposes or an educational function.

PROHIBITED MISCONDUCT

Disciplinary action may be taken against any student who has engaged in gross disobedience or misconduct, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine products and including without limitation, electronic cigarettes
- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or soliciting illegal drugs or controlled substances, prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, look-alike drugs and drug paraphernalia. **This includes the use of any product containing THC or other cannabis derivatives, including, but not limited to, CBD.** Students who are under the influence are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had drugs in their possession.
- Possession or use of any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription

