

Discipline

Cheating/Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism is the use of another person's original ideas or writing as one's own without giving credit to the true author. Plagiarism will be considered cheating and the student will be subject to disciplinary action that may include loss of credit for the work in question. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action.

Corporal Punishment

In accordance with F.I.S.D. policy FO (LOCAL), corporal punishment may be used as a student discipline technique. As a matter of administrative practice, the principal or designee will attempt to notify the parent/guardian of the (minor) student prior to the application of corporal punishment. For purposes of this statement, a minor student is defined as a student less than eighteen years of age. A student may refuse to accept corporal punishment as a discipline management technique and instead accept other such discipline management techniques as the principal or designee may assign. Parents may request in writing or on the acknowledgement form that their child not receive corporal punishment.

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All students are entitled to enjoy the basic rights of citizenship recognized and protected by law for persons of their age and maturity. Fayetteville schools shall foster a climate of mutual respect for the rights of others. Each student is expected to respect the rights and privileges of other students, teachers, and district staff. Students shall exercise their rights and responsibility, in compliance with rules established for the orderly conduct of the district's educational mission. The district' rules of conduct and discipline are established to achieve and maintain order in the school. Students who violate the rights of others or who violate district or school rules shall be subject to disciplinary measures designed to correct the misconduct and to promote adherence by all students to the responsibilities of citizens in the school community. Preceding the assessment of punishment, the teacher shall inform the student of the nature of the offense charged and the specific conduct that allegedly constitutes the violation and the student shall be afforded an opportunity to explain or justify his/her actions to the teacher.

General discipline guidelines – When imposing discipline, District personnel shall adhere to the following general guidelines:

- a) Discipline shall be administered when necessary to protect student, school employees, or property and maintain essential order and discipline.
- b) Students shall be treated fairly and equitably. Discipline shall be based on a careful assessment of the circumstances of each case.
 - a) The seriousness of the offense.
 - b) The student's age.
 - c) The frequency of misconduct.
 - d) The student's attitude.
 - e) The potential effect of the misconduct on the school environment.

Insubordination

Student language or action that expresses willful disobedience and defiance of authority and is directed toward any school employee will lead to disciplinary action. Examples of insubordination include but are not limited to: (a) running from or refusing to accompany teachers or administrators to the office; (b) speaking, writing, or signaling obscenities or vulgarities to a member of the faculty or staff; (c) giving false names or otherwise refusing to provide proper identification; (d) refusing to follow instructions of teachers or administrators; or (e) failing to report to the office after receiving an office request or after being sent by a teacher.

Student Behavior

“A school is as good as the reputation of its students”

1. Students depend on adults for discipline as they seek to bring order to their lives. Disciplinary action is designed to correct the inappropriate behavior of the individual. Disciplinary action including counseling, verbal reprimand, school service, detention hall, assignment to In School Suspension (ISS), corporal punishment, suspension, or expulsion may result to correct inappropriate behavior. Disciplinary referrals are made by a teacher when the student refuses to follow the directions of the teacher so that it is impossible for the teacher to deal effectively with the situation or when the responsibility for resolving the situation is not primarily the teacher's.
2. When a student is sent to the office, disciplinary action will be taken. If a student fails to go to the office when sent, the student will be subject to severe disciplinary action.
3. Students are responsible for conducting themselves properly, in a manner appropriate to their age and level of maturity.
4. The District's rules of student conduct apply to all school-sponsored and school-related activities, on or off campus. Students who violate these rules will be subject to disciplinary action and will be referred when appropriate to legal authorities for criminal prosecution.

Violations

If the principal (or designee) determines that a student's grooming or dress violates the school code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school (if possible and practical). If not corrected, the principal will notify the student's parent and request a necessary correction immediately. If the student (and/or parent) refuses, the principal will take disciplinary action. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate, fair discipline procedures will be followed in all cases.