Student Rights and Responsibilities

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

The district shall be a safe and positive learning environment for all students, employees, volunteers, and patrons, free from harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Harassment, intimidation or bullying may be caused by an individual or individuals that are not district students or employees, but can be caused by an educational setting where he or she can learn with as few disruptions as possible.

If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact the superintendent or their designee. The following information is available in Student District Policy and Regulations.

Student Conduct

The rules of conduct are applicable during the school day as well as during any school activity conducted on or off campus. Special rules are also applicable while students are on a school bus. Students are expected to:

1. Conform to reasonable standards of acceptable behavior;
2. Respect the rights, person, and property of others;
3. Present themselves in a consistent manner reflective of a reasonable level of climate for learning; and
4. Follow the authority of staff and respond accordingly.

1. Commission or Participation in Criminal Acts—Commission or participation in criminal acts on or about school or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned activity, including but not limited to, the commission or participation in any illegal act under state law or any legal authority for disposition. Disciplinary action may be taken by school district officials or staff consistent with board policy and with applicable laws and regulations.

A. Alcohol, tobacco, and alcohol-related substances, gang-related activity. Any student who shall be found with, use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs, including, but not limited to, alcohol, or tobacco shall be referred to the school principal for disciplinary action.

A. Violent and/or aggressive behavior, 

4. Disruption—Disruption of the educational processes will not be permitted.

5. Conduct at Off-campus School-sponsored Events—The student's attendance at evening and weekend school-sponsored events is conditioned upon the enforcement of district policies, rules, and regulations.

6. Consistency and Uniformity—Students who consistently violate school policies, rules, and regulations will be subjected to suspension.

7. Predominantly and Subjectively—The use of vulgar or profane language by students while at school or school-sponsored activities or events, is prohibited.

8. Students may drive motor vehicles to and from school and while on the school premises during the school day and as allowed by the district in accordance with policies and regulations.

9. Electronic Communication System/Computer Technology Internet, Computing, and Technology—Computer, Internet, and other electronic communication systems are provided to support Sound instructional and educational programs and appropriately. Equipment and network are subject to monitoring to assure appropriate use.

The use of any electronic communication system shall serve to disrupt the operation of the system. Hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or altered in any way other than as directed by the system's developer. Any computer programs and data that are designed to harass or gain unauthorized access to any computer system shall be removed from school premises at once. Use of a computer system is prohibited. Inappropriate use of computer systems, including but not limited to, inappropriate use of electronic communication systems and internet access, shall result in the student's discipline action.

10. Endangerment or Destruction of Property—Any student who intentionally damages any school district property shall be subject to disciplinary action. The damage to school property or school equipment shall be liable for the payment of damages.

11. Extension, Assault, or Causing Physical Injury—A student shall not extend anything, fire, endanger, or attempt to cause physical injury, or otherwise behave in such a way as could reasonably be expected to cause physical injury to any person. ASD 3240

12. Weapons—Dangerous Instruments—Use, possession, or transmission of any weapon or object that could be reasonably expected to be a weapon by any student on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, event, or function is prohibited. ASD 3241

13. Personal Protection, Arming Agents (PPA)—State law requires that students ages 14 through 16 carry a concealed weapon. Students intending to do so shall have the local police department review their possession and carry (PPD) applications. The local police department must be registered with the school principal. PPDs are intended as a personal defense weapon in the event of home invasion or robbery. The local police department shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of any such weapon. Use or Possession of Tobacco and Tobacco Products—Any student who uses or possesses tobacco product, including, but not limited to, electronic cigarettes; will subject the student to disciplinary action.

14. Firearms—A student carrying a firearm on or off school premises at school sponsored events, or in transit in any district vehicle is subject to this authority. The student's firearm shall be seized when seized, and/or searched.

15. Use of alcohol, tobacco, and alcohol-related substances, gang-related activity. Any student who shall be found with, use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs, including, but not limited to, alcohol, or tobacco shall be referred to the school principal for disciplinary action.

16. Illegal Drugs/Alcohol—Any student who is illegally uses, possesses, or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, controlled or otherwise, or a controlled substance, or uses by any student on school property or at school-sponsored activities, event, or function is prohibited. ASD 3240

17. Electronic Communication System/Computer Technology—Internet, Computing, and Technology—Computer, Internet, and other electronic communication systems are provided to support Sound instructional and educational programs and appropriately. Equipment and network are subject to monitoring to assure appropriate use.
Emergency Removal—A student may be removed immediately from a class, subject, or activity by a certificated teacher and sent to the principal or designee; provided, the teacher has reason to believe the student’s presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to the student, other students, or school property or in an immediate and continuing threat of substantial disruption of the class, subject, or educational process (WAC 392-205-200). ASD 3241

Suspension—Means a denial of attendance at any single subject or class, or at any full schedule of subjects or classes, or at any other type of activity conducted by or in behalf of a school district, and any combination of the foregoing, for a stated period of time greater than one day or activity, but not to exceed ten consecutive calendar days. A suspension may include a denial of attendance to or upon real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the district.

If you are not satisfied with the results of the conference with the building administrator, the parent, or guardian may appeal the decision of the superintendent/designee on two (2) days written notice. If not received by the superintendent/designee, upon two (2) days prior written notice, the student, parents, or guardian may present a written and/or oral grievance to the District’s Disciplinary Appeal Council, if one has been appointed. The Council will respond within ten (10) days following the meeting. The short-term suspension shall continue not extending beyond the term Suspension

Student Transportation

The purpose of school transportation rules and regulations is to establish levels of behavior that insure the safety and comfort of students riding district vehicles to and from school and school-sponsored activities and events. A student may be expelled immediately from a class, subject, or activity by a certificated teacher and sent to the principal or designee; provided, the teacher has reason to believe the student’s presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to the student, other students, or school property or in an immediate and continuing threat of substantial disruption of the class, subject, or educational process (WAC 392-205-200). ASD 3241

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Sexual Harassment

Unwelcome and/or unwarranted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature may constitute sexual harassment. It is the school district’s policy to establish criteria for determining when certificated employees, volunteers, and other non-school employees violate anti-harassment laws.

The Auburn School District is an equal opportunity employer. The district’s policies on civil rights, grievances, discipline, non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. This district prohibits harassment, intimidation, and discrimination. Procedures regarding compliance procedures may be directed to Title IX Officer and Section 504 and ADA Coordinator at 253-391-4900.