

JICD-RRR – STUDENT VIOLENCE, THEFT, AND DESTRUCTION

VIOLENCE - ASSAULT, FIGHTING, OR THREATENING - Assault is any unprivileged contact of another. Students must never resort to physical confrontation to resolve their differences. Fighting for any reason will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action including possible suspension or expulsion, loss of athletic or extracurricular privileges, school service, parental conference, behavior probations, or other disciplinary action as may be deemed appropriate.

Fighting includes without implied limitation the throwing of punches or a serious physical struggle. Likewise, threatening another will not be tolerated.

Threatening includes any behavior, which purposely places or attempts to place another in fear of imminent bodily injury or physical contact.

Any case of assault shall be brought to the attention of the school administration. If the assault results in a victim requiring any degree of medical attention, then the Police Department shall always be contacted by the school administration.

Simple assaults (no serious injury) committed by students shall be reported to the administration. The administrator shall conduct an initial inquiry and contact the police immediately in cases where the assault involved one or more of the following:

1. The assault was very aggressive or violent in nature (as in driving someone into lockers or slamming the victim to the floor).
2. A strike to the head or groin or other sensitive area.
3. Repeated punches or kicks.
4. Offender with a past record of violence or aggressive behavior.

Any case of threatening shall be brought to the attention of the school administration. When threatening behavior, which is of such seriousness, that another student's continued presence is jeopardized, then the Police Department shall be contacted by the school administration.

When in doubt, the school administration shall notify the Police Department per the Memo of Understanding between the Police Department and the School District.

Whenever an incident of simple assault or violence occurs, the Principal shall notify the parents by telephone and confirm by a letter to the parents of all children directly involved. The letter shall describe the incident and the seriousness and harm done or potential harm and the school district's response to the incident.

THEFT - ROBBERY, BURGLARY, OR THEFT – Robbery is a theft by force or by threat of force and is a serious crime. The Principal shall be immediately notified and the Police Department notified as soon as possible.

Burglary is the unlawful entry to commit theft or vandalism to the school. Burglary shall always be reported to the Principal immediately after being discovered. School personnel shall take care not to clean or otherwise disturb the scene of the crime prior to the arrival of the police. The Principal shall call the Police Department immediately upon being notified of a burglary.

Theft is the unauthorized taking of someone's property "with a purpose to deprive the owner." Theft shall be reported to the Principal. Technically, any theft committed on school property is reportable to the Police Department. For practical purposes, however, thefts involving an insignificant value or theft involving extremely young children should be handled by school personnel. As a general rule, thefts will not be reported to the Police Department in the following situations.

1. The value of the property is \$100 or less and there is no suspect or
2. The students are in the third grade or lower.

DESTRUCTION – VANDALISM, ARSON, AND/OR FALSE FIRE ALARMS – Vandalism is the intentional damaging or destruction of school property or the property of another. Vandalism can be considered to have occurred if there is a cost incurred in cleaning or repairing an item. Technically, all criminal mischief that occurs in a safe school zone is reportable to the Police. In practice, some discretion must be used for extremely petty cases. For example, it would not be appropriate to contact the police in the case of a student writing on his or her desk. In general, any damage in excess of \$100 shall be reported to the Police by requesting a response and investigation, or by filing a written report (Ed 317) within 48 hours. The Principal shall investigate such cases in coordination with the Police Department. In any case where a suspect is identified, the police shall be called to handle the case after a preliminary inquiry by school administration.

ARSON – A person has committed arson if he or she intentionally starts a fire or causes an explosion, which damaged someone's property. Any employee discovering a fire shall immediately take steps to protect life and property and contact the Fire Department as appropriate. In cases where arson is a possibility, the Police Department shall be notified by a school administrator if the Police are not already involved.

FALSE FIRE ALARMS – A student pulling an alarm station or otherwise causing a false report is subject to reporting false fire alarms. The Principal shall contact the Police and Fire Departments if they have not already arrived to assist and/or conduct an investigation.

REPLACEMENT RESPONSIBILITY - Damage, destruction or disappearance of school property is the responsibility of the student, and parents or guardians will be required to reimburse the District up to replacement cost, including labor costs if applicable.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

Policy JICD (Student Conduct, Discipline, and Due Process [Safe School Zones])
Policy JICD-R (Administrative Procedure for Student Conduct, Discipline, and Due Process [Safe School Zones])
Policy JICD-RR (Memorandum of Understanding between the Police Department and the School District)
Handbook (Referenced in Handbooks)

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