

# District CODE of CONDUCT

## A GUIDE TO STUDENT RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are responsible for conducting themselves properly, in accordance with the policies of the district and the lawful direction of staff. The district has the responsibility to afford students certain rights as guaranteed under federal and state constitutions and statutes.

Central School District believes that it is the right of young people in this district to receive the best education that resources can provide in an environment that is safe, healthy, and free from harassment. The right to an education is based on the concept of individual human dignity, which includes individual choice and the responsibility of accepting the consequences of that choice. The orderly operation of schools requires the respectful cooperation of students, parents, community, staff, and the School Board.

These rules and procedures are designed to protect the safety, rights and responsibilities of students, parents, and staff. Consequences include but are not limited to the following:

OFFENSE	CONSEQUENCE
* <b>Verbal Assault, verbal or written threat or menacing of a staff member, volunteer or other adult</b> – to place in fear of imminent physical injury by word or conduct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension for one to five days, 10 days, and/or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority (police, juvenile department).</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent's expense.</li> </ul>
* <b>Physical Assault of a staff member, volunteer, or other adult</b> – intentionally, or recklessly cause physical injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension for five to 10 days, and/or expulsion.</li> <li>• Reimbursement for actual loss or damage.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent's expense</li> </ul>
<b>Verbal Assault, verbal or written threat of violence or menacing of a student</b> – to place in fear of imminent physical injury by word or conduct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inciting violence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension for one to five days, 10 days, and/or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> </ul>
* <b>Physical assault of a student</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension for up to 10 days, and/or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent's expense.</li> </ul>
* <b>Fighting</b> – a physical altercation in an attempt to cause harm. <b>Aggressive Behavior</b> – verbal, written or physical behaviors directed toward another person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-school suspension, suspension for one to five days, 10 days, and/or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent's expense.</li> </ul>
* <b>Harassment, intimidation, bullying</b> – any act that substantially interferes with a student's education opportunities or performance, that takes place on school property, at any school activity, on school provided transportation, that has the effect of physically harming a student or damaging a student's property; knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm; or creating a hostile environment which serves to distress, threaten, demean, or torment another person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-school suspension, suspension for one to three days, or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent's expense.</li> </ul>
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* <b>Sexual Harassment</b> – unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, written or physical conduct of a sexual nature by staff or other students that interferes with a student's education and/or a student's participation in school activities, or that creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive school environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-school suspension, suspension for one to ten days, or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent's expense</li> </ul>

<p>* <b>Racism</b> – the belief that members of one race are superior to members of another race or ethnic group and the use of words and or actions to carry out those beliefs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-school suspension, suspension for one to three days, or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent’s expense</li> </ul>
<p>* <b>Property Damage</b> – any deliberate or intentional damage to and/or theft of property belonging to the district or to another individual, including but not limited to improper care of books, locker, and locks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal from participation in school activities.</li> <li>• Suspension for one to ten school days and/or expulsion.</li> <li>• Reimbursement for actual loss or damage</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent’s expense.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Attendance/Truancy</b> – any unauthorized absence from class or tardiness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detention, in-school suspension, or suspension.</li> <li>• Ineligibility for extracurricular activities.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority</li> <li>• Possible retention in current grade level.</li> <li>• No credit for work.</li> </ul>
<p>*<b>Alcohol and Other Drugs</b> – Possessing, transmitting, selling, buying, distributing, use of, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalants; or of any other drug as defined by, but not necessarily limited to, the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, ORS 475.005, possession of paraphernalia, possession of look-alikes being represented as a controlled substance and/or misuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confiscation of item(s) related to offense.</li> <li>• Suspension for up to 10 days, and/or expulsion (all offenses).</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Participate in community education program.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent’s expense.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tobacco or Tobacco Products</b> – smoking, possessing, selling, buying, transmitting, distributing, or otherwise using tobacco or tobacco products.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confiscation of item(s) related to the offense.</li> <li>• In-school suspension, suspension for up to 10 days.</li> <li>• Participate in program for non-use of tobacco products.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Insubordinate Behavior</b> – behaviors which are defined as insubordinate include, but are not limited to: disobeying or defying the lawful authority of District personnel; cumulative minor infractions which occur over a period of days within a trimester; verbal, physical, profane or rude behaviors; disrupting any classroom or district sponsored activity; or failure to follow normal safety rules and procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal from classroom or other district activities.</li> <li>• In-school suspension, suspension for up to 10 days, and/or expulsion.</li> </ul>
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<p>*<b>Weapons</b> – possessing, transmitting, selling, or displaying any device, instrument, material or substance, firearm, illegal explosive, knives, or other implements, which could reasonably be considered or used as a weapon, attempting to be used, or threatened to be used as a weapon, or is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury, including look-alike weapons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confiscation of item related to offense.</li> <li>• Suspension and/or expulsion (all offenses)</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fire Setting</b> – act or attempted act of starting a fire.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal from participation in school activities.</li> <li>• Suspension and/or expulsion</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Reimbursement for actual loss or damage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Misuse of Computer Network &amp; Internet</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Termination of system account for a minimum of 30 calendar days.</li> <li>• Suspension or revocation of system privileges for minimum of 30 days.</li> <li>• Suspension for up to 10 days.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Cyberbullying</b> – the use of any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form that defames, intimidates, harasses or is otherwise intended to harm, insult or humiliate another in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner under a person’s true or false identity. Any communication of this form which disrupts or prevents a safe and positive educational or working environment may also be considered cyberbullying.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-school suspension, suspension for one to three days, or expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> <li>• Evaluation at parent’s expense.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contraband</b> - bringing on to Central School Dist. 13J property or possessing any of the following is prohibited: matches, lighters, road flares, fuses, or any other device capable of starting fires.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-school suspension</li> <li>• Suspension for up to 10 days.</li> <li>• Notification to proper authority.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Profane Behavior</b> – indecent exposure and/or use of obscenity, profanity, whether verbal, written, or gestured.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referral to office</li> <li>• In-school suspension.</li> <li>• Suspension for up to five days.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Secret Societies – Gangs</b> – Oregon law prohibits the existence of a secret society in public school. A secret society is an organization, composed of students, which has an element of purpose, which is concealed from the public and shared only confidentially among members. Central School Dist. 13J considers gangs to be secret societies. Students who participate in gang-related activities at school or school functions – such as possession or display of gang-related clothing, symbols, or paraphernalia; display of gang-related posters or graffiti, signs or signals, harassment or intimidation of others, or recruitment for gang membership, any conduct that is intended to show membership in a gang – will be subject to strict disciplinary action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-school suspension.</li> <li>• Suspension for up to 10 days.</li> <li>• Expulsion.</li> <li>• Referral to proper authority.</li> </ul>

\* **These offences carry the possibility of suspension of or the right to apply for driving privileges from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ORS 339.254).**