

Zero Tolerance for Violence

It is the policy of the Board of Education that violence in any form will not be tolerated in the School District, including in all school buildings, grounds and facilities, on school buses, and at all school activities and events, whether on campus or off campus.

For purposes of this policy, “Violent Act” shall mean:

1. any intentional act by a student involving force or the threatened use of force, or an intentional act by a student that supports or assists the use or the threatened use of force against any other person or group of persons with the intent to injure, intimidate, harass, physically intimidate or otherwise harm when the act occurs on school premises, during school hours, on a school vehicle or at any school sponsored activity or event.
2. any intentional or reckless act by a student that prevents, inhibits or otherwise interferes with the conduct or safe operation of any educational or other school sponsored program, activity or event (e.g., bomb threat, false alarm, inciting a riot).

If an incident involving a violent act occurs, the Building Principal may use his/her discretion to assign penalties such as detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension for up to five days, parent notification and/or conferences, warning letter. The Principal may recommend counseling and/or may refer the student for a Superintendent’s disciplinary hearing. Repeated incidences of violent acts will result in the referral for a Superintendent’s disciplinary hearing.

If a student commits a violent act in which there is serious injury inflicted or force used, or a student refuses to take redirection from staff members or others who act in a supervisory role (e.g. chaperones, consultants, volunteers, etc.) resulting in serious injury (as defined by the State Education Department), the student will be suspended for five days and referred for a Superintendent’s disciplinary hearing in accordance with the District Code of Conduct.

Any single occurrence of a violent act arising from gang conflict, use of weapons, mental condition as a result of drug or alcohol use, third party participation or physical assault will result in a five-day suspension and referral for a Superintendent’s disciplinary hearing in accordance with the District Code of Conduct, and may also result in notification to the police.

This policy shall be posted in appropriate places in the District and shall be placed in all student handbooks.