

I. STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

Parents, community and the school district have worked together to provide students with a staff, buildings and equipment necessary to help prepare them for a future of success. The district is committed to giving students the best education possible and expects them to take special pride in keeping schools "first class".

Throughout the year, students will be expected to assume the responsibilities listed below:

1. Attend class regularly and promptly
2. Be in your assigned seat with all necessary materials when the bell rings
3. Give every assignment your best effort
4. Treat every student and adult with the same respect you desire
5. Follow class and school rules
6. Help maintain the buildings and all school-owned equipment and materials

II. CLASSROOM MISBEHAVIOR

Classroom misbehavior should be dealt with by the teacher until such time as the student does not respond to the teacher's efforts and/or the education or safety of other students is jeopardized by the misbehavior.

A. Types of classroom misbehavior include, but not are limited to:

1. Cutting class/truancy
2. Tardiness/absences
3. Unauthorized use of/no pass
4. Truancy/leaving campus without signing out
5. Disruptive/uncooperative behavior
6. Rude/discourteous/talking
7. Insubordination/disrespect
8. Deliberate defiance
9. Unacceptable language/attitude/gestures
10. Fighting
11. Unacceptable attire
12. Unacceptable sexual conduct
13. Dishonesty/cheating
14. Unprepared for class
15. Littering
16. Destruction of school property
17. Graffiti
18. Breaking and entering
19. Throwing things
20. Alcohol/drug violation
21. Aerosols
22. Tobacco violation

23. Not following student driving and parking procedures
24. Harassing/threatening a student/staff member
25. Weapons violation
26. Gang activity
27. Injury act
28. Other misbehavior as designated by class or school rule

Unacceptable Language/Attitude/Gestures: Language need not be obscene to be abusive. Students who use profane, indecent, threatening, or other abusive language, gestures or sounds directed toward other students, staff members or visitors on a school campus, or at any school-related activities may be subject to disciplinary action.

Fighting: Students who are involved in fighting or any other violent actions in the school building, bus or at a school activity may be suspended from school immediately, and may be held in in-school suspension or detention. Each party will have the opportunity to present his or her case, and the administrator in charge will review the altercation and assign discipline. Students who instigate or promote the start or continuation of a fight by spreading rumors, carrying messages, crowding around, cheering, or by other means are also subject to disciplinary action.

Harassment: Any student found to be harassing others will face disciplinary action that may include, but not be limited to, short-term suspension, long-term suspension, and expulsion.

Cheating: Whenever a student is guilty of cheating, the teacher shall collect the student's paper, mark a zero (0) for the work and notify the parent/guardian. Further disciplinary action may also be taken.

B. Types of intervention for misbehavior include, but are not limited to:

1. Student/teacher conference
2. Parent conference, phone call or other notification
3. Time out
4. Detention out of class for remainder of period
5. Referral to the principal
6. Administrator/student conference
7. Consult/refer to counselor
8. Notify police department
9. Notify JPPO
10. Student discipline contract
11. Towing of vehicle
12. Detention before school/lunch/after school
13. Detention with work assignment
14. In-school suspension (ISS)
15. Alternative Setting

16. Short-term suspension (10 days or fewer)
17. Long-term suspension (more than 10 days)
18. Expulsion
19. Other consequences as deemed appropriate by administration

Consequences for non-compliant behaviors will be progressive and at the discretion of the principals. Factors considered in administering consequences will be:

- Number of previous office referrals
- Severity or degree of the infraction
- Impact on the education, behavior and safety of others

C. Typical procedures for handling violence or other serious offenses include:

1. First offense: temporary suspension for three to five days with a parent conference prior to return to school. There may be a complaint filed with the Children, Youth and Families Department.
2. Second offense: temporary suspension for up to ten (10) days with a parent conference prior to return to school. There will usually be a complaint filed with the Children, Youth and Families Department.
3. Third offense: proceedings initiated for long-term suspension or expulsion.

Steps in the disciplinary procedure may be omitted if the problem is of such a serious nature that it is necessary to do so in order to maintain a safe and orderly environment.

III. INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE

A. Following are some types of attire that are disruptive and/or unsafe and not appropriate for wear at DTMS and LHS:

1. Clothing without a sewn hem
2. Spandex-type bottoms
3. Warm-up bottoms (sweats) made to be worn during athletic activity
4. Any clothing worn in such a manner that abdominal flesh may be seen
5. Tank tops or spaghetti straps (material over the shoulder must be 2" wide – this includes when worn under a sheer top)
6. Pants may not touch the floor or cover shoes so that they are not visible
7. Slippers, soccer sandals
8. Belts must be threaded through belt loops and may not hang
9. Clothing with printed vulgarity or advertisement of any illegal substance, alcohol, or tobacco, such as "Player 69" or references to 8 ball or 420
10. Clothing with printed scenes of violence
11. Hats, caps, sunglasses or other attire for the head

12. **Gang-related attire, which may include:**
 - a. "smile now, cry later" emblems
 - b. jokers
 - c. the name of any gang printed on clothing
 - d. belts with metal buckles that have a letter cut out
 - e. socks pulled up to the bottom of shorts
13. **Any clothing worn in such a way that underwear is visible**
14. **Shorts or skirts that do not extend at least half way down the thigh when standing**
15. **Any clothing that disrupts the school in any way**

B. Procedures for dealing with violations of the dress code are as follows:

1. **First and second offenses:** the student will be made to change his/her clothes at school. A parent/guardian may bring the student a change of clothing or when this is not possible, the school will issue other attire. The student must return at the end of the day any clothes provided by the school. If the clothing is not returned, the student will be billed for the cost of replacement. Violators of the dress code will not be allowed to go home and change or to return to class until he/she is wearing proper attire.
2. **Third offense:** the student will be subject to additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the administrator.
3. **Subsequent offenses:** continuing violations will be considered deliberate defiance of school policies and could result in placement in the Alternative Setting or suspension.

IV. ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

The sale, distribution, transportation, use of, or possession (actual or constructive) of alcohol or any type of drug or medication considered illegal or for which there is not a valid prescription, by any student participating in extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Lordsburg Municipal Schools is in violation of this policy:

A student-athlete or a student involved in extra-curricular activities who is found to be in violation of the above during the sports season, during participation in any activity or during an off-season program will be subject to the following:

- A. **First offense:** suspended from all sports programs and activities for a period of 30-calendar days or the end of the current sports season, whichever is longer from the date of the violation. The athlete will lose letter award privileges for a sport in which he/she is participating.
- B. **Second offense (during mid/high school career):** declared ineligible to participate in interscholastic sports or to represent Lordsburg Schools on any out-of-town trips for activities for one calendar year. This student-athlete will

lose letter award privileges and will not be allowed to attend a sports banquet as a team member

- C. Third offense (during mid/high school career): declared ineligible to participate in interscholastic sports or to represent Lordsburg Schools on any out-of-town trips for activities for the remainder of his/her mid/high school career. This student-athlete will lose letter award privileges and will not be allowed to attend a sports award banquet as a team member.

A student who is found to be in violation of any of the above outside of the sport season, off-season program, or activity will be disciplined in the same manner as a student who is not an athlete or participant in an extra-curricular activity.