

STUDENT CONDUCT RULES **(East Liverpool School District)**

PART I - Rights and Responsibilities: Students attend East Liverpool Schools under the direction of state law and with full benefits or constitutional protection for their rights as citizens. They therefore can act, speak or behave as young citizens within a large scope of options. This code, published in conformity with Ohio Revised Code 3313.661 specifies the school's expectations. Schools have a right to reasonable behavior from students. Freedom carries with it responsibilities for all concerned.

PART II - Conduct Code: A violation of any rule may result in disciplinary action:

- Rule 1.** Disruption of School: A student shall not by use of violence, force, coercion or threat cause material disruption or obstruction to the carrying on of a normal school day, including all curricular and extra-curricular activities. Students also will not advocate nor incite others to cause disruption of the educational process or to violate school rules. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.
- Rule 2.** Damage and/or Theft of Property: A student shall not cause or attempt damage and/or theft to school or private property on school premises during a school activity, function, or event on school grounds. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.
- Rule 3.** Assault (Physical and/or Menacing): A student shall not act or behave in such a way as could cause or threaten to cause physical injury to another person. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.
- Rule 4.** Dangerous Weapons and Instruments: A student shall not possess, handle, transmit, or conceal any object which might be considered a weapon or instrument of violence capable of harming another person. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.
- Rule 5.** Tobacco and Alcohol: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, distribute, conceal, or be under the influence of tobacco or alcohol. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.
- Rule 6.** Narcotics and Drugs: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal or be under the influence of narcotics, drugs, or lookalike substances. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.
- Rule 7.** Insubordination: A student shall not disregard or refuse to obey reasonable directions or commands given by school personnel or those individuals vested with school authority. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.
- Rule 8.** Frightening, Degrading or Disgraceful Acts: A student shall not engage in any act which frightens, degrades or disgraces other persons by written, verbal, or gestural means. Violations are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, and/or permanent exclusion.
- Rule 9.** Profanity and/or Obscene Language: A student shall not use profanity or obscene language. This includes written, verbal gestures, signs, pictures, or publications. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.
- Rule 10.** Inappropriate Dress: A student shall not dress or appear in a fashion deemed inappropriate under Board of Education policy. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.
- Rule 11.** Truancy/Absences without Permission: Students shall not be permitted to leave school or assigned classes without consent of the building principal and in accordance with Board of Education policy. Students and parents have the responsibility to cooperate in such cases with school officials. Excessive absence is also considered a parental responsibility without documentation from a doctor. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.
- Rule 12.** Excessive Tardiness: Students and parents have the responsibility to cooperate in such cases with school officials. Excessive tardiness absence is also considered a parental responsibility without documentation from a doctor. Violations are subject to the Discipline Profile.

PART III - Scope: The above Rules of Conduct apply to all students attending the East Liverpool City Schools and involved in activities of the regular school day, all school-related activities, and during that portion of the school day when transportation is provided to and from school.

PART IV - The East Liverpool Board of Education established these Rules of Conduct as its intent to comply with the Ohio Revised Code 3313.661 and designated the Superintendent of Schools or his designee as the hearing officer for suspension appeals. The hearing officer shall establish the ground rules for appeal hearings, determine procedures, decide who shall be present, and other details.

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DISCIPLINE PROFILE

A Discipline Profile will be maintained to document student misconduct for various offenses of the Student Conduct Rules. Infractions are cumulative for one (1) school year. The following consequences will result at each level of the Discipline Profile:

<u>INFRACTIONS</u>	<u>CONSEQUENCE</u>
First referral	Friday School or Administrative discretion
Second referral	Friday School
Third referral	3-day suspension
Fourth referral	4-day suspension
Fifth referral	5-day suspension
Sixth referral	10-day suspension
Seventh referral	10-day suspension & recommendation for expulsion

Students sent to the office as a discipline referral will receive disciplinary action according to the above table. For example, a student sent to the office for the fourth time will receive a 4-day suspension, either internal or external at the discretion of the administration. **The above Discipline Profile will apply to disciplinary referrals to the office. Infractions which are subject to removal, suspension, expulsion, or permanent exclusion are outlined in the Student Conduct Rules.**

TEACHER OFFICE REFERRALS

The following examples of classroom problems may result in an office discipline referral:

1. Talking in class
2. Disrupting class
3. Rude comments to students
4. Out of seat without permission
5. Laughing, screaming
6. Sitting in wrong seat
7. Swearing
8. Pushing desks in class
9. Chewing gum
10. Not doing work
11. No supplies with which to work

12. Any other infractions that will cause a disruption of the educational process in the classroom

Infractions will be turned into the office on a yellow form. 3 individual classroom infractions will constitute one (1) discipline referral on the student's Discipline Profile. **However, any/all student behavior deemed inappropriate by persons with school authority may be sent to the office to be dealt with at once.**

DRESS CODE

General Statement: The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. However, the Board establishes guidelines for dress in order to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. In all cases, the building principal is the final arbiter in making decisions regarding compliance with the Board's policy on dress. In general, any type of attire or adornment which attracts undue attention to the wearer (and thus potentially causes a disturbance in school or interferes with the normal process of instruction) is not acceptable.

Guidelines

1. Wearing apparel (including T-shirts, Sweat shirts, blouses, jackets and sweaters) with objectionable writing, pictures and patches are not acceptable for school wear. Objectionable writing includes, but is not limited to, language referring to tobacco, alcohol, drug use, or to language determined to be obscene, profane, pornographic, frightening, disgraceful, or degrading.
2. Loose-fitting shorts will be acceptable so long as the bottom of the shorts extend beyond the fingertips of both hands when the student stands erect with his/her arms extended at the side:
 - a. **acceptable shorts:** walking, golf, dress, jeans shorts with hems, jams and skorts.
 - b. **unacceptable shorts:** hiker, boxer, swim trunks, cut off sweat pants, unhemmed jeans, gym or sanitary shorts, physical education class shorts, layer and spandex pants worn as outer garments are not permitted.
3. Dress or skirt length requirement will be the same as for shorts (beyond the fingertips when students are standing erect). All clothing should be well fitting and not objectionable.
4. While sleeveless tops will be permitted, no tank tops or muscle shirts are acceptable. Also exposed midriffs are not permitted. This restriction also applies to "fish net" garments worn without an undergarment.
5. All head hair and facial hair should be clean and well groomed so as not to impair vision or present a health or safety hazard to anyone.
6. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
7. Sunglasses or colored spectacles are not to be worn in the school building unless prescribed by a physician. A physician's statement must be on file in the principal's office.
8. Bandannas, hats, and other head wear cannot be worn indoors.
9. Students may not possess in school any of the following items: telephone pagers, "beepers," and personal electronic devices (e.g., tape or compact disc players, boom boxes, etc.). Any exception must have the express permission of the administration.
10. Gang dress or unauthorized club symbols or colors which denote affiliation is prohibited.
11. Sweatpants will be permitted so long as they are appropriately fitted.
12. In no way shall undergarments be permitted to be exposed.
13. Other ornamentation that attracts undue attention or is distracting or disruptive to classes is prohibited.
14. There will be no book bags permitted to be carried between classes in school during the school day.
15. The wearing of camouflage apparel is prohibited.
16. No slacks, shorts, or skirts may be worn to allow the exposing of skin or underwear.
17. No body piercing jewelry other than earrings will be permitted to be worn.
18. Tattoos displaying objectionable material must be covered. Objectionable material includes, but is not

limited to, material determined to be obscene, profane, pornographic, frightening, disgraceful, or degrading.

19. Cell phones and two-way communication devices must be turned off (i.e., cannot receive or send transmissions) indoors. Silent and vibrating modes are not permitted.

Action will be taken with students not complying with the above restrictions according to the student's level on his/her Discipline Profile.

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