

Alliance High School

2021 Discipline Matrix

Mission

To develop in all students the individual skills, the desire for knowledge, and the personal commitment essential for a successful future.

Philosophy

Alliance High School believes in every student's right to access and obtain a quality education. Alliance High School utilizes a discipline matrix to communicate the way that the school will deal with discipline issues. We believe that consistency in dealing with unwanted school behaviors leads to a greater understanding and trust with all stakeholders. The discipline matrix guides the administration on how to deal with most situations, however, administrative discretion is necessary in certain situations. The ultimate goal with this approach is to educate our students, and provide an opportunity to change behaviors.

Classroom Conduct Infractions

Classroom behaviors are those that will be addressed by the teacher. These behaviors occur in the classroom and require retraining. Classroom behaviors requiring retraining are those that cause the student to lose engagement -and are handled within the classroom setting.

School Conduct Infractions

School conduct infractions include those that cannot be taught in the classroom. These behaviors may involve behaviors from keeping the school clean, to behaviors that threaten the safety of an individual. School conduct infractions will involve a point system with more severe infractions incurring higher point accumulations and more severe consequences. Teachers and administration will adhere to the consequences in the following matrix.

In School Suspensions (ISS)

If a student receives in school suspension, he/she will be able to complete all classroom assigned work. The student will be addressed at some point during each day of in-school suspension by each of their classroom teachers. Students placed in ISS will be required to leave their cell phone with administration. During the ISS, students are not allowed to participate in any school sponsored activities. Administration will notify the parent or guardian when a student is placed in ISS.

Out of School Suspensions (OSS)

If a student receives out of school suspension, he/she will be able to complete all classroom assigned work. Students will be able to email teachers for assistance or assignments during the OSS. During the OSS, students are not allowed to participate in any school sponsored activities or be on school property. Administration will notify the parent or guardian when a student is placed in OSS.

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Disciplinary Point System (100 Point Maximum)

The purpose of the discipline point system is to:

1. Improve the educational environment for students, teachers, parents, and staff.
2. Inform students and parents of rules and policies.
3. Record discipline violations in a systematic way

The discipline point system is a progressive system based upon the belief that an individual does not have the right to infringe upon the rights of others. Also, all people concerned with the school have the responsibility of creating a positive learning environment.

The vehicle used to implement the discipline action will carry a point value. If 100 points are obtained before the end of the school year, then the student will be recommended for expulsion and due process will be followed. The length of suspension or expulsion will carry over into the next semester/year if the school year ends before the suspension or expulsion has been served.

The following categories will be used as a guideline to determine consequences for student misconduct, however, not all behavior can be predicted and/or categorized; therefore, the administration reserves the right to handle situations on an individual basis

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Category	Action	Points Assessed	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense	4 th Offense
Category A (Attendance Infractions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tardies (5 tardies - combined from all classes) 	5 points	20 minute after school detention	lunch detention	lunch detention	4th/ 5th Offense 1 day ISS 6 or more offenses 1 day OSS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonverified 	10 points	Detention	Detention / Parent Contact	1 day ISS	2 day ISS each additional infraction increases previous ISS penalty by 1 day

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Classroom Conduct Infraction	<p>Any behavior in the classroom displaying lack of engagement. Actions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General classroom disruptions ● Lack of preparedness ● Failure to follow classroom expectations 	0 Points	Retraining will occur for each offense	Teacher / Student private conference	Parent / Guardian contact	Parent / Guardian contact
Category N (Nuisance Items)	<p>Nuisance items include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cell phones ● Laser pointers 	5 Points	Item confiscated for the remainder of the class period by teacher	Item turned into the office for the remainder of the day. Parent contact	Item confiscated and parent or guardian must come to the school and pick up the item in person	1 day ISS

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Category I	<p>Category I infractions are those that negatively impact the learning environment but can be addressed with minimal re-training. These are considered school conduct infractions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public display of affection ● Littering ● Profanity/Vulgarity ● Food and non-clear beverages in the classroom ● Dress Code violations 	5 Points	Re-training with the staff member who observed the behavior	1 Detention	1-Day ISS	2-Days ISS
Category II	<p>Category II infractions are school conduct infractions that remove the ability of the teacher to educate the student. These infractions require more intensive training to correct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academic dishonesty ● Disorderly conduct ● Lying ● Misuse of school material and equipment ● Disorderly conduct on bus ● Refusal to participate in class 	10 points	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted</p> <p>Re-training with staff member who observed the behavior</p>	1-Day ISS	2-Day ISS	1-Day OSS

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Category III	<p>Category III infractions require immediate action from administration. These infractions require cooperation between administration and the family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Disruption of school/class ● Inappropriate behavior/gestures ● Skipping retraining/detention ● Leaving school grounds without permission (moved from Cat II) or not attending class ● Parking Lot Violations: Squealing Tires Driving over sidewalks, curbs Illegal parking i.e. taking up multiple spots, parking in restricted areas Speeding 	15 points	<p>1-Day ISS</p> <p>* SRO will be contacted for all possession related activities</p>	2-Day ISS	1-Day OSS	2-Day OSS

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Category IV	<p>Category IV infractions are either in violation of law as well as school policy or create a situation where a staff member is unable to perform necessary duties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Careless driving ● False calls ● Forgery of notes ● Minor vandalism ● Minor theft ● Destruction of Property *school or personal ● Disrespect to staff ● Excessive profanity/vulgarity 	20 Points	1-Day OSS * SRO may be contacted	2-Day OSS * SRO may be contacted	3-Day OSS * SRO may be contacted	5-Day OSS * SRO may be contacted *If there is a 5 th category IV offense-expulsion will be recommended.

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Category V	<p>Category V infractions result in immediate out of school suspensions. Category V infractions are beyond classroom disturbances and affect the effective and efficient operation of the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gross misbehavior ● Harassment ● Bullying ● Intimidation ● Verbal assault ● Insubordination ● Fighting ● Promotion or Videoing of Fights ● Possession/use of tobacco products (smoking, chewing, vaping, e-cigarettes) ● Sexting/Indecent Material 	25 Points	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>3-Day OSS</p> <p>SRO may be contacted</p>	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>5-Day OSS</p> <p>SRO may be contacted</p>	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>5-Day OSS</p> <p>SRO may be contacted</p>	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>5-Day OSS -recommendation for expulsion</p> <p>SRO may be contacted</p>

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Category VI	<p>Category VI infractions involve physical or emotional acts of harm towards another person(s). These infractions will require immediate attention from parents and may involve law enforcement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sexual Harassment ● Physical Assault ● Major Theft (moved from Cat V) ● Major Vandalism 	35 points	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>minimum 5-Day OSS -possible recommendation for expulsion</p> <p>SRO may be contacted</p>	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>5-Day OSS</p> <p>SRO may be contacted</p>	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>10-Day OSS</p> <p>SRO may be contacted</p>	

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Category VII	<p>Category VII infractions involve physical or emotional acts of harm towards another person(s). These infractions will require immediate attention from parents and may involve law enforcement. All infractions in this category require SRO involvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arson ● Weapons other than firearms ● False Fire Alarm ● Use/possession/under the influence of drugs or alcohol ● Selling Drugs/Alcohol 	50 Points	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>Minimum 10-Day OSS-possible recommendation for expulsion</p> <p>Mandatory SRO involvement</p>	<p>Parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up student</p> <p>10-Day OSS-recommendation for expulsion</p> <p>Mandatory SRO involvement</p>		
Category VIII	<p>Category VIII infractions result in immediate recommendation of expulsion. Law enforcement will be notified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Firearms ● Physical Assault on a staff member ● Sexual Assault ● Bomb Threat 	100 Points	Recommendation for expulsion			Category VIII

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Definitions

Assault - Physical attack on another person causing harm without immediate warning and/or provocation.

Bullying - means any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.

Disruption of School/Class/Assemblies - Examples include yelling, running, persistent talking, horseplay, etc.

Disruptive Objects - Items include, but are not limited to, tacks, whistles, rubber bands, etc. Items normally used for school activities, i.e. pencils, may be considered disruptive if they are used in a manner outside of their purpose.

Excessive Profanity/Vulgarity - A stream of profanity and/or gestures that become a major disruption or profanity vulgarity directed towards an individual or group of people.

Explosives, Fireworks, and Foul Substances - Any article containing an explosive or combustible substance (including fireworks) or foul offensive or injurious substances or compounds with the intent to use the same against the person or property of another.

Expulsion - Refer board policy 505.04

Expulsion for Possessing a Firearm or Dangerous Weapon - Refer to board policy 504.11

Extortion/Blackmail - The direct attempt to extract money, goods, or favors from another individual through coercion, force, or threats.

False Alarm of Fire - Raising or creating any false alarm of fire in or to any buildings or part of any building structure or property of the school district by any means or manner.

False Call - The act of claiming the name of another person to excuse a student from class or school.

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Fighting – The act of quarreling (physical or verbal), which could or does result in bodily contact in or on school property, including any activity under school sponsorship. Retaliation, fighting back, or engaging in the physical altercation regardless of who started the altercation is considered fighting.

Forgery – The act of using in writing the name of another person, or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses, or other data on school forms.

Gross Misbehavior – Misbehaving that is far beyond simple inappropriate behavior; overt behavior that threatens property or the safety and well being of others including the promoting of fighting.

Harassment – is a form of discrimination and includes verbal, non-verbal, written, graphic, or physical conduct relating to a person's sex, disability, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, or other protected status, that is sufficiently serious to deny, interfere with, or limit a person's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational or work program or activity.

Intimidation – Any act or threat by force or verbalization against another person.

Illegal Entry – Forced entry or entry without administrative authorization into a building, room, or school property.

Illegal Explosives – Possessing, using, threatening to use, or transferring any weapon or instrument capable of inflicting bodily injury.

Inappropriate Behavior/Gestures – Behavior on school grounds or school activities that is not acceptable as measured by the general standards of the school and community including words, gestures, pictures, etc.

Inappropriate Dress – Refer to page 48 in the A.P.S. Student/Parent handbook.

Indecent Exposure – Exposing yourself in the presence of other people. **Indecent Material** – The act of portraying obscenity or vulgarity in pictures or caricatures in assignments, on any personal property visible to others at school, or on any school property and/or searching, watching or downloading pornographic or other obscene material on school issued computers.

In-School Suspension – See description above. A disciplinary action whereby a student is separated from class attendance, but is required to be at school.

Insubordination – Disregard for the authority of staff members and other adult employees.

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Intimate Acts – Prolonged public display of affection or inappropriate physical contact in the school setting or on school property.

Littering – To dump, deposit, place, throw, or leave litter in and upon school property other than in receptacles set aside for such purposes.

Long-Term Suspension – More than five school days, but less than twenty school days.

Major Theft / Vandalism – Theft or destruction of property of substantial value

Mandatory Reassignment – Assignment to another educational setting.

Minor Theft / Vandalism – Theft or vandalism of property or materials with minimal value.

Misuse of School Materials – Misusing and/or using school materials in an unauthorized manner (shop materials, home economics food products, etc.). Also, writing or marking on desks, books, lockers, etc.

Verbal Assault – The act of initiating a violent, verbal attack against another person on school property, on a school bus, or at a school event.

Plagiarize – To steal and pass off as one's own work, without crediting the source.

Possession or Illegal Use of a Weapon – The act of possessions, using, or threatening to use any weapon or instrument capable of inflicting bodily injury.

Possession/Use of Tobacco – Using and/or the possession of tobacco products (smoking, chewing, vaping, e-cigarettes) is not permitted on school property or at school activities/events.

Profanity – The use of language that is unacceptable to school/community standards.

Public Displays of Affection – Refer to Article 8 page 12 of the handbook.

School Property – This is defined as any building, buildings, and part of any building, structure, land or property of the Alliance School District.

Sexting – The act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically.

Sexual Assault – Any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient.

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Sexual Harassment – See Article 10 section 3 of the handbook.

Short-Term Suspension – Suspension up to and including five (5) school days.

Skipping Class – Actively leaving (and/or) not attending a class. This is different from a student who is marked non-verified

Theft – The act of acquiring and/or being in possession of the property of another without consent,

Trespass – Entering upon the lands or premises of the school district without authority after having been forbidden to do so by school staff, or upon being notified to depart from the premises by members of the school staff, refusing or neglecting to depart from said premises.

Truancy – The act of unauthorized absence from school for any period of time. Chronic tardiness may be considered truancy.

Unauthorized Games in School – Gambling, poker, etc.

Unlawful Intimidation of School Authority – Interfering with administrators, teachers, or other school personnel by force or violence.

Verbal/Physical/Written Threat to Teacher/Staff – Any verbal, physical, or written threat which insults or abuses any staff member or otherwise shows disrespect.

Vulgarity – Defined as offensive, lewd, or obscene.