

NOTE: Colorado school boards are required by law to adopt a student code of conduct and the law contains some specific direction as to the content or language that must be included. This sample contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the board should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.

Code of Conduct

In accordance with applicable law and Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions, the principal or **designee** may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student who engages in one or more of the following activities while in school buildings, on district property, when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools, during a school-sponsored or district-sponsored activity or event and off **district** property when the conduct has a nexus to school or any district curricular or non-curricular event.

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to **district** property or stealing or attempting to steal **district** property.
2. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. **Willful destruction or defacing of district property.**
4. Commission of any act which if committed by an adult would be robbery or assault as defined by state law.
5. Committing extortion, coercion or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or other objects of value from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force.
6. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name calling, ethnic or racial slurs, **either orally or in writing** or derogatory statements addressed publicly to **an individual or a group** that precipitate disruption of the **district or** school program or incite violence.
7. Engaging in “hazing” activities, i.e., forcing prolonged physical activity, forcing excessive consumption of any substance, forcing prolonged deprivation of sleep, food, or drink, or any other behavior which recklessly endangers the health or safety of an individual for purposes of initiation into any student group.
8. Violation of the **Board’s** policy on bullying prevention and education.
9. Violation of criminal law which has an effect on the **district** or on the general safety or welfare of students or staff.
10. Violation of **any Board** policy or regulations, **or established school rules.**
11. Violation of the **Board’s** policy on weapons in the schools. Expulsion shall be mandatory for **bringing** or possessing a firearm, in accordance with federal law.

12. Violation of the **Board's** policy on student conduct involving drugs and alcohol.
13. Violation of the **Board's** violent and aggressive behavior policy.
14. Violation of the **Board's** tobacco-free schools policy.
15. Violation of the **Board's policies prohibiting sexual or other** harassment.
16. Violation of the **Board's** policy on nondiscrimination.
17. Violation of the **Board's** dress code policy.
18. **Violation of the Board's policy on gangs and gang-like activity.**
19. Throwing objects, unless part of a supervised school activity, that can **or do** cause bodily injury or damage **to** property.
20. Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or **others**.
21. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing, to a **district** employee.
22. **Engaging in** scholastic dishonesty, which includes but is not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
23. Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a district employee to law enforcement or to the district.
24. Behavior on or off school property **that** is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel, **including behavior that creates a threat of physical harm to the student exhibiting the behavior or to one or more other students**.
25. Repeated interference with the **district's** ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.
26. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority including deliberate refusal to obey a member of the **district** staff.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 18-3-202 *et seq.* (offenses against person)
C.R.S. 18-4-301 *et seq.* (offenses against property)
C.R.S. 18-9-124 (2)(a) (prohibition of hazing)
C.R.S. 22-12-105 (3) (authority to suspend or expel for false accusations)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(A) (duty to adopt policies on student conduct, safety and welfare)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (9) (immunity provisions in safe schools law)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1)(a-g) (grounds for suspension, expulsion, denial of admission)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools
ADD, Safe Schools
ECAC, Vandalism
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
JBB*, Sexual Harassment
JIC, Student Conduct
JICA, Student Dress Code
JICC, Student Conduct in School Vehicles
JICDD*, Violent and Aggressive Behavior
JICDE*, Bullying Prevention and Education
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students
JICI, Weapons in School
JK, Student Discipline
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students

NOTE: All Board policies with codes containing the letter "JIC" and "JK" are considered part of the legally-mandated code of conduct and discipline.