

DEFINITION OF TERMS IN DISCIPLINE MATRIX

TERM	DEFINITION
Academic Dishonesty:	Acting dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage. This includes copying another student's work, plagiarism, and talking during tests.
Arson:	The willful and malicious burning of any part of a building or its contents.
Bomb Threat:	Any such communication directed at a school setting which has the effect of interrupting the learning process.
Bullying:	The act of troubling, worrying, or tormenting as with careless or repeated words, actions, or attacks.
Chewing Gum:	The act of chewing gum or candy in class without permission or failing to throw out gum or candy after requested to do so by a staff member.
Chronic Tardiness:	Any student who has received five or more tardies in one class period.
Uniform Violations:	Any five uniform violations as recorded on the Uniform Violation spreadsheet.
Disruption/Disorderly Conduct (Minor):	Any negative action that affects the overall climate of the educational environment. This includes running in the halls, yelling, and general horseplay.
Unprepared Marks:	Failure to bring required materials to class at least five times in any single class period.
Dangerous Weapons:	Carrying, bringing, using or possessing a dangerous weapon without the authorization of the school. Dangerous weapons include but are not limited to: a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded or a firearm facsimile that could reasonably be mistaken for an actual firearm; any pellet or B-B gun or any other device, whether operational or not, designed to propel projectiles by spring action or compressed air; a fixed-blade knife with a blade that measures longer than three inches in length or a spring-loaded knife or a pocket knife with a blade longer than three and one-half inches; any object, device, instrument, material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, used or intended to be used to inflict death or serious bodily injury, including but not limited to slingshot, bludgeon, brass knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind.
Dishonesty:	Failure to give honest and truthful information to staff members.
Disrespect to Students and Staff:	Lacking proper speech, discourteous, rude, non-verbal, controlled behavior toward other students or staff members.
Disruption/Disorderly Conduct (Major):	Any negative action that greatly affects the overall climate of the educational environment. This includes throwing objects, slamming in the halls/lockers, etc.
Ditching a Class Period:	Absence from a specific assigned class without permission.
Drugs/Alcohol:	Any substance used as or in a medicine, a narcotic, alcohol, or controlled substance. Possession or Sale as defined in C.R.S. § 12-22-303.
Extortion/Blackmail:	Obtaining money or other rewards by violence, threats, or written communication.
Failure to Serve Consequences:	Failure to appear for assigned consequences including detentions without notifying supervising staff.
False Fire Alarm:	The act of setting off the fire alarm system causing the evacuation of the school and the disruption of the school day.
Forgery:	Falsely making, altering, or counterfeiting a record or document with the intent to deceive.
Gambling:	Betting or playing games for money on school grounds during the school day.
Harassment:	Comments, gossip, gestures, and actions of physical or verbal nature are harassment. This includes any behavior that causes mental or physical

	distress for another, although the original intent may have been in jest.
Leaving School Without Permission:	Leaving school grounds without school staff and parental knowledge or permission.
Loitering:	Being away from class or place assigned without a pass. This includes lunchtime, before and after school, passing period, & library.
OSS:	Out of School Suspension; Parents may elect to attend school with their student in the event of a suspension. Parents must attend all classes and may not use the time for volunteer time.
Perfume/Body Spray:	Use of perfume, body spray, or other highly scented product during the hours of 8:00-3:30.
Physical Assault:	Taking part in a physical struggle; to actually and intentionally strike another against the will of the other; intentionally causing bodily harm to an individual. <i>If a conflict appears to be likely, the student is expected to make all possible efforts to avoid the conflict including leaving the scene or seeking help of a teacher, administrator, assistant, or other school employee.</i>
Possession/Use of Electronic Device:	Use or possession of electronic device during the hours of 8:00-3:30 p.m. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, laser pointers, etc.
Possession of Fireworks:	Possession or use of fireworks on school grounds including sparklers, snap caps, etc.
Possession of Latex Products:	Bringing items to school that violate the Latex Free Policy including balloons, rubber bands, etc.
Possession of Tobacco Products:	Possession, use, or sale of cigarettes, cigars, snuff, dipping and chewing tobacco.
Profanity/Vulgarity/Inappropriate Gestures:	The use of language that is crude, offensive, vulgar, or insulting. Use of coarse words to show contempt or disrespect and swearing. This includes words that are intended to be a “sounds like” and are disruptive to the classroom experience.
Public Display of Affection:	Any inappropriate display of romantic affection between students.
Repeated Insubordination:	Repeatedly acting in a disobedient nature; failure to follow a reasonable request from a staff member, not telling the truth when requested to do so by a staff member.
Tampering with/Altering School Records:	Changing or altering any school records without permission.
Theft:	Obtaining property dishonestly or without proper authorization.
Threat/Intimidation:	Instilling fear in others by using three elements: intent, fear, and capability. To unlawfully place another person in fear of emotional or physical harm.
Truancy:	The complete disregard of attendance regulations as outlined by the State of Colorado.
Vandalism:	The willful defacing or destruction of school property (including books, supplies, and furniture) or the property of school employees or other students.