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| **Minor Behavior** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Non-Examples** |
| **Inappropriate Language** | Any spoken, written, or non-verbal communication that insults, mocks, belittles, or slanders another person will be considered inappropriate. | Put-downs, taunts, or slurs of a non-offensive nature, mild oaths not directed at an individual. (Offensive communications targeting race, gender, faith, etc. of others.) "Big Dummy"; "All your family is dumb."; "Banana Nose" | Cursing, slandering another person, hostile threats either written, spoken, or non-verbal |
| **Disrespect, Non-Compliance** | Brief or low intensity failure to respond to adult request | Talking back, not following directions, sleeping, refusal to complete assignments, ignoring request of adult | Refusal to comply with established rules, leaving class without permission, verbal defiance/argumentative |
| **Electronic Device/ Tech Violation** |  | Tampering with equipment/impairing its usefulness, tampering with a computer's settings or putting a virus on a computer. Possessing cell phones, radios, cd players, other electronic devices, and other items as directed by principal. |  |
| **Disruption** | Low-intensity, but inappropriate disruption | Intentional distractions: noises, pranks, annoying statement/questions; breaking line, making messes, throwing paper wads, etc. | Loud talk, yelling, screaming; noise with materials; horse-play/rough-housing; any behavior more than nagging |
| **Tardy/Attendance** | Student is late or absent from class | Students enters school/classroom after the bell rings without excuse or an admit slip. | Staying out of class; over two minutes late to class; leaving school without permission |
| **Cheating** | Student deliberately violates the rules | Copying, obtaining questions/answers to school assignments/test. |  |
| **Harassment** | Student delivers repeated disrespectful messages (verbal or gesture) to another person that includes threats and intimidation, obscene gestures, pictures, written notes. | Bullying, repeated verbal harassment or abuse, inappropriate touching, gesturing, notes and pictures | Physical assault/battery, threats involving weapons and minor offenses such as name calling, put-downs, taunts, slurs of a non-offensive nature, mild oaths not directed at an individual. |
| **Theft** | Student is in possession of, having passed on, or being responsible for removing someone else's property without the person's permission | Stealing, hiding/purchasing stolen property, aiding someone in stealing |  |
| **Vandalism** | Student participates in an activity that results in substantial destruction or disfigurement of property: any damage done to school property that impairs its usefulness | Broken windows/damaged property as result of horseplay/aggressive behaviors, etc., tampering with equipment/impairing its usefulness, tampering with a computer's settings or putting a virus on a computer; writing on the desks/walls. | Breaking pencils, kicking furniture, mishandling text/library books, tearing up paper/assignments/handouts |
| **Dress Code Violation** | Student wears clothing that does not fit within the dress code guidelines found in the handbook | See pages 44-46 in the handbook |  |
| **Inappropriate Behavior/PDA** | Any incidence in which a student engages in inappropriate physical contact with another student. | Inappropriate public display of affection (Kissing, touching other than holding hands); Silly horseplay, playful grabbing, pinching, non-aggressive punching or slapping, chasing, shoving, "Not keeping hands/feet to self." |  |
| **Tobacco** | Student is in possession of or is using tobacco | Cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco product: smoking, chewing, dipping, vaping | Candy cigarette, rolled up paper, clothing smelling of cigarette smoke. |
| **Alcohol** | Student is in possession of or is using alcohol | Possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol |  |
| **Drugs** | Student is in possession of, is using or is under the influence of illegal drugs. | Using, possessing, selling, or distributing drugs in school buildings or on school grounds at any time, in school vehicles or buses, or at any school sponsored activity, function, event whether on or off school grounds. |  |
| **Weapons** | Student is in possession of any weapon readily capable of causing bodily harm. | Possessing, handling, or attempting to use a weapon in school buildings on school grounds at any time or in school vehicles/buses, or off the school grounds at a school sponsored activity, function or event. |  |