

4. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and alternative placement or expulsion.
5. Referral for in-school counseling.

Arson

To unlawfully and intentionally damage or attempt to damage any real or personal property by fire or an incendiary device.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Discipline of student in accordance with the school's discipline plan up to and including **alternative placement or expulsion**.
3. Notification of the parents/guardians of the discipline and the responsibility of the student and/or parents/guardians for restitution to the School Board if applicable.
4. Damages are to be assessed by School Board employees and reported to the student and parents/guardians.

Assault/Threat

To unlawfully place another person or persons in fear for emotional and/or physical harm with or without the use of a weapon; three elements present (1) intent, (2) fear, (3) capability. (i.e. verbal or written threat; listing of identified person or persons).

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of one (1) to ten (10) days to be determined in accordance with the school's discipline plan or as deemed appropriate by the school's administration.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension in accordance with out-of-school suspension procedures.
4. Threats of school violence will be taken seriously. This includes threats of violence, direct or indirect, toward an individual, group, or the school, itself. In addition to the above actions, when deemed appropriate, school administrators have the right to refer a student, who makes or poses a threat of school violence, for a violence-risk evaluation/threat assessment through the school district's Student Services Department.

Assault (Aggravated)

Assault with a weapon or with the intent to commit a felony and punishable by law as a felony of the third degree.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program at least one (1) year through expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and expulsion.

Assault: School Board Employee

*Assault punishable by law as a first degree misdemeanor and **alternative placement or expulsion** by the School Board from the regular school program for a period of one (1) calendar year.*

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program at least one (1) year through **alternative placement or expulsion**.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and **alternative placement or expulsion**.

Assault (Aggravated): School Board Employee

*Assault punishable by law as a felony of the second degree and **alternative placement or expulsion** by the School Board from the regular school program for a minimum period of one (1) calendar year and a maximum period of the remainder of the current school year plus one (1) additional school year.*

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a minimum of one (1) calendar year and a maximum of the remainder of the current school year plus one (1) additional school year.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and alternative placement or expulsion.

Battery

The willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another; has three primary elements present: (1) an aggressor, who (2) intended to cause physical harm, to (3) an innocent person.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of one (1) to ten (10) days to be determined in accordance with the school's plan of discipline.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension in accordance with out-of-school suspension procedures.
4. Notification of the victim's parents/guardian of the offense committed and the victim's right to press charges against the offender.
5. Cooperation in any procedures leading to the victim's exercise of rights as provided by law.

Battery (Aggravated)

Battery which intentionally or knowingly causes great bodily harm, permanent disability, or permanent disfigurement.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a minimum of one (1) calendar year and a maximum period of the remainder of the current school year plus one (1) additional school year.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and alternative placement or expulsion.
4. Notification of the victim's parents/guardian of the offense committed and the victim's right to press charges against the offender.
5. Cooperate in any procedures leading to the victim's exercise of rights as provided by law.

Battery: School Board Employee

Battery punishable by law as a felony of the third degree and alternative placement or expulsion by the School Board from the regular school program for a period of one (1) calendar year.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten(10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for no less than one (1) calendar year through alternative placement or expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and alternative placement or expulsion.
4. Notification of the victim of his/her right to press charges against the offender.
5. Cooperation in any procedures leading to the victim's exercise of rights as provided by law.

Battery (Aggravated): School Board Employee

Battery punishable by law as a felony of the first degree and expulsion by the School Board from the regular school program for a minimum period of one (1) calendar year and a maximum of the remainder of the current school year plus one (1) additional school year.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.

2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a minimum of one (1) calendar year and a maximum of the remainder of the current school year plus one (1) additional school year.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and expulsion.
4. Notification of the victim of his/her right to press charges against the offender.
5. Cooperation in any procedures leading to the victim's exercise of rights as provided by law.

Bomb Threats/False Report

Communication of a threat to use any destructive device with intent to cause damage or do bodily harm involving school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity; a false report of an explosive or destructive device involving school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten (10) days and a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through expulsion for **no less than** one (1) calendar year.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and the recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and expulsion.

Breaking and Entering/Burglary

The unlawful entry into a school building or other structure with the intent to commit a crime punishable by law as a felony of the third degree.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Discipline up to and including a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through alternative placement or expulsion as determined by the school officials.
3. Notification of parents/guardians in accordance with appropriate procedures.

Bullying/Cyberbullying

A form of aggression in which a person(s) willfully subjects another person(s) systematically and chronically to an intentional, unwanted and unprovoked hurtful verbal and/or physical action(s) which result in the victim feeling oppressed, intimidated or threatened at any school site, on school transportation school-sponsored activity or through the use of data or computer software that is accessed through a computer, computer system, or computer network of a Santa Rosa County District School. Types of bullying may include, but not be limited to, physical, verbal, emotional, and psychological bullying. Bullying actions may include, but not be limited to teasing, social exclusion, intimidation, threat, stalking, destruction of property, physical violence, theft, humiliation, emotional pain or discomfort, and sexual, religious, or racial harassment. (SB: 2.70, SB: 5.321)

Cyberbullying means bullying or harassment that is related to computers and or occurs through the use of technology or electronic communication, including, but not limited to, any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, or other transmission or medium such as electronic mail, text messaging, instant messaging, social media, Internet communications, or facsimile communications. Cyberbullying may include but is not limited to: Harassment, cyberstalking, creating a web page or writing on a web blog where the creator assumes the identity of another person, or knowingly impersonates another person, while posting content or sending messages, electronically sharing or distributing material and communications to one or more than one person or posting materials on one or more electronic media that may be accessed by one or more persons.

An individual who is a victim of bullying/cyberbullying has a right to:

1. Report an incident(s) without fear of retaliation. Retaliation must not occur.
2. Present witnesses and other evidence relating to the incident.
3. The victim or parent/guardian of the victim will be notified of the opportunity for school counseling services.

an asthma inhaler which has been prescribed by a physician for a student to carry on his/her person should still be in accordance with the district's Medication Policy. ("Purported" substances may fall under this definition if school officials are able to validate that the possession of purported substance was not a controlled or unlawful substance (see "Drugs") and was not distributed.)

1. Discipline student in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. In the case of "Possession of Purported substances": Out-of-school suspension for a period of ten (10) days for a first offense.
3. Confiscate the medication.
4. Notification of parents/guardians of the discipline and of the responsibility to retrieve the item from school officials.
5. If a student uses and/or distributes non-prescription medication, or purports a substance as a controlled substance or unlawful substance a second or subsequent time, there may be a recommendation for a disciplinary hearing regarding removal from the regular school program through **alternative placement or** expulsion.
6. Any use (being under the influence) and/or distribution of non-prescription medication in excess of the product's directed dosage may result in a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding removal from the regular school program through alternative placement or expulsion.
7. Any use in excess of the directed dosage by a student having a valid prescription of medication will result in a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding removal from the regular school program through alternative placement or expulsion. (See "Drugs")

False Accusation of a School Staff Member

Any false accusation which jeopardizes the professional reputation, employment, or certification of any member of the school staff.

1. Disciplinary action, up to and including **alternative placement or** expulsion.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of the disciplinary action.

False Identity

Refusing to identify or falsely identifying one's self.

1. Discipline student in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

False Information/Falsifying Records/Documents

Intentionally providing false or misleading information or the withholding of valid information from a school staff member. Any form of tampering with records/documents either for one's own purpose or to alter the records of others for any purpose. It also includes, but is not limited to, the writing and signing of notes and papers by any person not authorized to do so, misrepresenting a situation, or falsely signing another's name to such notes or other papers.

Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083., F.S. 837.06.

1. Discipline student in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.
3. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.

Fighting

Mutual participation in an altercation with physical violence that requires physical restraint and/or results in injury.

1. Discipline student in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Fire Alarm System

Willful and/or malicious activation of a school fire alarm system punishable by law as a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Interference with School Personnel

The preventing or attempting to prevent school personnel from engaging in their lawful duty.

1. Out-of-school suspension from school in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of the parents/guardians in accordance with out-of-school suspension procedures.

Interference with the Movement of Students

Any actions that prevent or delay scheduled transportation of students to and from an assigned school or that prevent students from entering or leaving school at scheduled hours.

1. Out-of-school suspension from school in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of the parents/guardians in accordance with out-of-school suspension procedures.

Intimidation

Any action that would create reasonable fear.

1. Discipline student in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Kidnapping

Forcibly, secretly, or by threat confining, abducting, or imprisoning another person against his or her will and without lawful authority.

1. Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension for a period of ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a period up to the remainder of the present school year and one (1) additional year through expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and expulsion.
4. Notification of parent/guardian of victim.

Motor Vehicle Theft

The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle that occurs on School Board property or at a school-sponsored event or of a school bus, or other vehicle owned by the School Board.

1. Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension for a period of ten (10) days and for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a period of **no less than** one (1) calendar year through **alternative placement or** expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and **alternative placement or** expulsion.

Possession

Any student who has any item on his/her person, within their personal effects, or within any vehicle in which he or she has arrived on School Board property or at a school sponsored activity on property other than School Board property shall be considered to be in possession of such item.

1. A determination shall be made as to the nature of the item the student has been found to be in possession or have had in possession.
2. Any disciplinary action resulting from a student's possession of an item as defined in this Code shall be in accordance with the procedures as described in this Code.

3. Any disciplinary action resulting from a student's possession of an item not defined in this Code shall be in accordance with the discipline plan of the school which shall maintain consistency as to the degree of the infraction.

Profane, Obscene, Abusive Language or Gestures, Objects, Videos or Pictures

The use of profane, obscene, abusive language or gestures, or the possession of objects, videos or pictures which are disrespectful, offensive or socially unacceptable and which can or tend to disrupt the school environment, a school function, or extracurricular/co-curricular activities. This includes the taking and /or sending, of inappropriate or offensive images or texts using electronic devices as well as being in the possession of inappropriate images or texts. Engaging in the use of electronic devices in this manner may result in law enforcement being notified.

1. Discipline student in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency as appropriate.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Reasonable Suspicion

Suspicion when coupled with supporting information or evidence.

1. May be used for evidence for disciplinary action.
2. Use applies only to school officials and not to law enforcement agents.

Robbery

The taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

1. Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through alternative placement or expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and alternative placement or expulsion.

Sexual Battery

The attempted or actual forcible penetration.

1. Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through expulsion for at least one (1) calendar year. **Out-of-school suspension for a period of ten (10) days and immediate referral for a Disciplinary Hearing with the recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the present school year and one (1) additional year.**
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and expulsion.

Sexual Misconduct

Minor misconduct of a sexual nature that does not constitute an offense as serious as sexual battery, sexual harassment, or sexual offense as defined in this document.

1. Out-of-school suspension for one (1) to ten (10) days as determined by school officials.
2. Notification of parent/guardian of out-of-school suspension in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension.

Sexual Offense

"Sexual contact without force or thrust of force when the victim is capable of giving consent. It may also include but not be limited to exposing an individual to lewd, sexual behavior or action."

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Discipline action of out-of-school suspension and up to and including a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through **alternative placement or** expulsion as determined by the school officials.
3. Notification of the parent/guardian in accordance with appropriate procedures.

Stealing

The unlawful taking or concealing the property of another person without threat, violence, or bodily harm, with intent to prevent or deprive the rightful owner of its use value less than \$300.

1. Discipline according to the school's discipline plan up to and including out-of-school suspension.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Substance Abuse

The use of any drug or substance when such is unlawful and use of any drug or substance when such use is detrimental to the user or to others but is not unlawful.

Tardiness

A tardy is the absence of any student at the time attendance is taken provided the student is in attendance before the end of class. (See "Attendance" for further information.)

1. Discipline student in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Theft/Larceny

The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, riding away, or concealing the property of another person without threat, violence, or bodily harm with the intent to prevent or deprive the rightful owner of its use. Value of item \$300 or more.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension with discipline up to and including a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through alternative placement or expulsion as determined by the school officials.
3. Notification of the parents/guardians in accordance with appropriate procedures.

Threat

See Assault/Threat

Tobacco and/or Nicotine Products: Possession/Smoking

*A student smoking, using smokeless tobacco, using electronic cigarettes or any vaporization instrument, in possession of tobacco and/or nicotine products, distributing or selling of tobacco and/or nicotine products on school property, school buses, or in attendance at a school-sponsored activity will be subject to disciplinary action by the school. A person under the age of 18 who possesses tobacco and/or nicotine products **on or off** school property is in violation of law and subject to a fine (or 16 hours of community service: available only for hardship cases) and required participation in an anti-tobacco program, if locally available. Driving privileges may also be suspended for repeat offenders or for those who fail to meet the sanctions imposed by the first offense.*

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency which will make a determination whether or not to issue a civil citation for each offense. This citation will include any appropriate fines as determined by law.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of one (1) day and the completion of a Santa Rosa County School District approved anti-tobacco course within five (5) calendar days for the first offense. Failure to complete the anti-tobacco course will result in two (2) additional days of out-of-school suspension and will count as the student's second tobacco product offense.
 - a. Elementary **school students only** for first offense:
Either in-school suspension of the student for a period of three (3) days or out-of-school suspension for a period of one (1) to three (3) days.
3. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of three (3) days for a second offense.
4. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of up to five to ten (5-10) days the third and subsequent offenses.
5. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension in accordance with out-of-school suspension procedures.

Subsequent infractions of this statute and policy may result in the **alternative placement or** expulsion of the student.

Tobacco Products: Facsimile

A student in possession or using a facsimile tobacco product /item including but not limited to tobacco free snuff, herbal tobacco-like products or nicotine/tobacco cessation products.

1. Discipline according to the school's discipline plan up to and including out-of-school suspension.
2. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Trespassing

To enter or remain on a public school campus or School Board facility without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry, including students under suspension, expulsion, or alternative placement in lieu of expulsion.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension from school in accordance with the school's discipline plan.
3. Notification of the parents/guardians in accordance with out-of-school suspension procedures.

Truancy

The absence of a student without excuse.

1. Discipline student in accordance with school discipline plan.
2. Student may not be suspended out-of-school for truancy.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Unauthorized Electronic Access

Includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized access to, modification of, use of, creation or destruction of computer-stored data and programs.

Discipline of an out-of-school suspension period up to ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a period up to one (1) calendar year through alternative placement or expulsion as determined by the school officials with consideration for cost of repair or replacement of damaged item(s).

1. Notification of parents/guardians of discipline.

Unauthorized Use of Media/Mobile Devices

Unauthorized photography, audio or video taping of activities/ behaviors/ events occurring on School Board property that violate Santa Rosa County School Board Policy during the school day or at school sponsored activities. This includes possessing and/or maintaining the unauthorized images or audio on a device, sending the unauthorized images electronically or posting the images/video to any web/ internet site(s).

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency if necessary.

2. Required for removal of unauthorized images/audio/video from device and/or web/internet site(s).
3. Discipline of a student up to and including out-of-school suspension for a period up to five (5) days for a first offense. Device may be confiscated or possession prohibited on school campus for a period of time.
4. For subsequent acts, out-of-school suspension of the student for a period up to and including a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through alternative placement or expulsion as determined by the school officials.
5. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of-school suspension and alternative placement or expulsion.

Vandalism

The unlawful and/or malicious destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private property without consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it; the amount of damage \$1,000 or more.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Discipline up to and including a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program through alternative placement or expulsion as determined by the school officials.
3. Notification of parent/guardians in accordance with appropriate procedures.
 - a. If damaged property is personal property, notification of the victim's parents/guardians.
 - b. If damaged property is School Board property, damages are to be assessed by School Board employees and reported to the student and his/her parent/guardian with notification of responsibility for restitution to the School Board, if applicable.

Weapons (Firearms): Use and/or Display

The possession use and/or displaying of any firearm (loaded or unloaded, operable or inoperable, replica or facsimile) including, but not limited to, a pistol, rifle, shot gun, zip gun, BB gun, starter gun, explosive propellant, or destructive device.

(Firearms/Replica or Facsimile): Use and/or Display

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a period of at least one (1) calendar year through expulsion. with the recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the present school year and one (1) additional year.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of school suspension and expulsion.

Weapons (Firearms): Possession

The possession of a firearm (loaded or unloaded, operable or inoperable, replica or facsimile) including, but not limited to, a pistol, rifle, shot gun, zip gun, BB gun, starter gun, explosive propellant, or destructive device. For the purpose of this section, "Firearm" means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun.

(Firearms): Possession

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a period of at least one (1) calendar year through expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of school suspension and expulsion.

Weapons (Firearms): Replica or Facsimile

The possession of a replica or facsimile a firearm including, but not limited to a pistol, rifle, shot gun, machine gun, zip gun, BB/pellet gun, compressed air devices, or destructive device. For the purpose of this section, "Firearm" means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun.

(Firearms): Possession

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for ten (10) days and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a period of at least one (1) calendar year through **alternative placement or** expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with procedures for out-of school suspension and **alternative placement or** expulsion.

Weapons (Other)

Common Pocket Knives/Box Cutters/Razor Blades

A common pocket knife is defined as a pocket knife with a blade no longer than 3 ¾ inches long. While a common pocket knife, box cutter, or a razor blade is not considered a weapon for purposes of expulsion unless used as such, it is not permissible for a student to possess these items on a school campus, at a school-sponsored activity, or on school transportation. Any student found to be in possession of a common pocket knife, box cutter or razor blade which is NOT displayed or coupled with threat, intimidation, and/or reasonable suspicion for use is subject to the following disciplinary action:

1. Out-of-school suspension for up to ten (10) days. Parent/guardian will be notified in accordance with appropriate procedures. The appropriate law enforcement agency will be notified.
2. If possession is coupled with evidence or suspicion of use for self-harm, the student will be suspended for up to ten (10) days. A threat assessment will be initiated and completed prior to consideration of returning to a school campus.

Weapons (Other): Possession and/or Use

Any instrument or object that could be deliberately used to inflict harm, or intimidate any person including, but not limited to, knives (except common pocket knives, plastic knife, or blunt-bladed table knife), razor blades, any dirk, metallic knuckles, slingshot, Billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, electric weapons or devices including stun guns, destructive devices or other deadly weapons, or any other object being used as a weapon; possession of a weapon at a school-sponsored event, on school property, on a school bus, or at a school bus stop is punishable as a third degree felony.

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for ten (10) days and a recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding the removal of the student from the regular school program for a period of at least one (1) calendar year through **alternative placement or** expulsion.
3. Notification of parents/guardians of the out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with appropriate procedures for out-of-school suspension and **alternative placement or** expulsion.

DISCIPLINE ALTERNATIVES - STUDENT CONDUCT PROCEDURES

This list of options is provided to suggest some of the possible actions which may be taken in response to student misconduct. An administrator may select options as is deemed necessary, except when specific actions are required by Board Policy, State Board Rule and/or Florida Statute.