

# 2017-2018 Code of Student Conduct Proposed Changes

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Open Letter to the Parents and Students of the Santa Rosa County School District: Welcome to the 2016-2017 2017-2018 school term!

## 2016-2017 2017-2018 Code of Student Conduct Highlights

Page 2 - A drug incident involving possession, use and/or under the influence will lead to ten (10) days suspension and possible referral for a Disciplinary Hearing regarding alternative placement or expulsion.

### Page 5 - JURISDICTION

Santa Rosa County Public School students grades Pre-K – 12 are subject to the rules and regulations of the Santa Rosa County District School Board Code of Student Conduct during the school day and regular school activities;

Page 6 - Home schooled students are also subject to the rules and regulations of the Santa Rosa County School Board Code of Student Conduct when receiving services from, or participating in a class or extracurricular activity with the Santa Rosa County School District.

Page 14 - B. **Unexcused Absences:** Absences for shopping trips, vacations, pleasure trips, truancy, dismissal from school, or other avoidable absences which have not been pre-arranged and approved by the Principal or designee. Five (5) Three (3) unexcused late to school Check-Ins and/or Check Outs, will equate to the student receiving one (1) unexcused absence for truancy purposes.

E. **Truancy Procedures:** \* Five (5) Three (3) unexcused late to school Check-Ins and or Check-Outs prior will equate to the student receiving one (1) unexcused absence.

1. The Principal shall, unless there is clear evidence that the absences are not a pattern of nonattendance, refer the case to the school's Integrated Services Team and/or the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (IST/MTSS) to determine if early patterns of truancy are developing.

4. If an initial meeting does not resolve the problem, the Integrated Services Team and/or the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (IST/MTSS) shall implement interventions that best address the problem.

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Page 17 - M. **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 except in the case of checking in to school after the designated start time. Repeated and/or excessive incidents of tardiness may potentially result in disciplinary action.

A student is considered tardy if the student is present on campus but is absent in class when the tardy bell rings and provided the student is in attendance before the end of class. There are no criteria for excused or unexcused tardies. Arriving to school late is defined as "Late to School". Repeated and/or excessive incidents of tardiness may potentially result in disciplinary action for the student.

N. **Leaving School Prior to End of Day:** It is required that the parent or designated adult sign the student out unless prior arrangement has been made by the parent/guardian. ***Repeated and/or excessive incidents of leaving school prior to the end of the day may potentially result in disciplinary action for the student.*** Five (5) Three (3) unexcused accumulated "late to school Check-Ins" or "early Check-Outs" will equate to the student receiving one (1) unexcused absence.

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## Page 23 - School Bus Transportation –

1. Stand-off DO NOT stand on roadway while awaiting bus.

## Page 27 –

### **Voluntary School Assignment (refer to the School Choice Plan)**

The voluntary transfer by parent request of a student from one school to another, pursuant to Policy 5.20, may be revoked and the student returned to his/her zoned school of attendance if tardiness, unexcused absences or behavior/discipline problems develop at the receiving school.

## Page 29 - Elementary Students: (Including Pre-K)

## Page 30 - **Adult Students:**

Post-secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) students should refer to the Locklin Tech Curriculum Guide & Student Handbook and Adult Education students should refer to the Santa Rosa Adult School Handbook, for applicable policies and procedures concerning conduct. Some procedures listed in the Code of Student Conduct may not be appropriate for PSAV and Adult Education student education.

## Page 35 - Drugs

### **Distribution, Possession, or Under the Influence of an Illegal, Purported\*, or Unlawful Substance, Prescription Drug without a Prescription or Substance Not Used in Accordance With Manufacturer's Instructions**

1. Notification of the 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 period up to 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.

\*Under certain circumstances possession of "purported" substances may have an alternate consequence. (See Page 37, 36 "Failure to Follow Medication Policy".)

### **Drugs: Distribution, Purported\***

The distribution or any controlled (F.S. 893) or unlawful substance (including "spice" and other synthetic substances); distribution of an inhalant or any substance represented as drugs (such as designer drugs, caffeine pills, herbs, foods) on school property or within one thousand (1000) feet of school property or at a school-sponsored activity on property other than school property. A student, who distributes "drugs", is defined as a student who possesses, gives to or leaves drugs for another student. It also applies to the student who takes, receives, passes to/from or picks up the "drugs". These students who engage in the behavior as described in this section shall be subject to the disciplinary penalties for distribution of "drugs".

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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. \*A student has committed a Drug offense if they are found to be in possession of a substance purported to be a controlled or unlawful substance and distributes the purported substance.

### **Drugs: Possession/Under the Influence**

Possession or Under the Influence of an Illegal, or Unlawful Substance, Prescription Drug without a Prescription or Substance Not Used in Accordance with Manufacturer's Instructions

1. Notification of the appropriate law enforcement agency with a recommendation for restorative justice if allowed.
2. Out-of-school suspension of the student for a period of ten (10) days.
3. On a student's first possession violation or when determined to be under the influence of an illegal substance, the school Principal may offer the student an opportunity to participate in a substance abuse diversion education program in lieu of alternative placement. The school Principal shall meet with the parent and student to discuss this opportunity. If the parent and/or guardian agree that their student will complete this program, the student will serve the remainder of the ten (10) day



suspension and be enrolled into the program. The Grade Level Director must be provided proof that the student successfully completed the program within the allocated period of time. Refusal to participate in the diversion program or failure to successfully complete the diversion program will result in the student's appearance before the district Disciplinary Hearing committee regarding the possible removal of the student from the regular school program for up to one (1) calendar year through alternative placement.

4. For any subsequent violation, 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 period no less than one (1) calendar year through alternative placement or expulsion.
5. If the student is charged with a Felony due to drug possession, the school administrator can request the student be indefinitely suspended from school or have his or her suspension continue until the determination of guilt or innocence or until the charges are dismissed if, in the opinion of the school administrator, the student's attendance would adversely impact the school. Such suspension shall not affect the delivery of educational services to the student, and the student shall be immediately enrolled in a daytime or evening alternative educational program. See Felony or Felony Act procedures on [page 51](#).

#### **Page 42 – Tardiness**

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#### **Page 44 - (Firearms/Replica or Facsimile): Use and/or Display**

2. Notification of grade level Director.

#### **Page 45 - Weapons (Firearms): Possession**

2. Notification of grade level Director.

##### **Weapons (Firearms): Replica or Facsimile**

2. Notification of grade level Director.

##### **Weapons (Other)**

1. Notification of appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Notification of grade level Director.
3. Discipline up to and including ☹ 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.~~

#### **Page 62 - Calendar Page to be updated...**