

**LINCOLN PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT  
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**INTRODUCTION**

A primary objective of the Lincoln Park School District is to assist each student in developing into a responsible, self-controlled individual, able and willing to assume his/her role as homemaker, worker and law-abiding citizen. An important aspect of this maturing process is the respect of rules and regulations, and the recognition that decision-making is an ongoing process that occurs at all levels. The school is a miniature community. The rules and regulations that are established are for the protection of the rights of all members of the school community. Violations of school rules and regulations that are harmful to the rights and privileges of others cannot be tolerated.

Special Education, handicapped/impaired, and qualified Section 504 students shall not solely by reason of being handicapped/impaired be excluded from the participation in or denied the protection of the Lincoln Park School District Code of conduct. Special Education, handicapped/impaired, and qualified Section 504 students shall be in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct, and subject to the penalties and procedures of the Student Code of Conduct. In cases involving special education, handicapped/impaired, and qualified Section 504 students the District shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws in the administration of the Student Code of Conduct.

The discipline policy of the Lincoln Park School District is based on humanitarian principles and ideals and recognizes the dignity and worth of each student. Corrective action, when taken, will be based on an understanding of the student and on sound guidance practices.

All school personnel (teachers, administrators, custodians, secretaries, lunchroom supervisors, bus driver and group sponsors), have the right to recommend disciplinary action at any officially sanctioned school activity, even if not located within the Lincoln Park School District.

The immediate objective of school discipline is to maintain an effective learning environment. The ultimate objective of school discipline is student growth in abilities, attitudes and habits essential to acceptable and self-controlled behavior, and necessary for successful adjustment in our society. The public schools have a responsibility to each student. When an individual demonstrates that he/she is unable or unwilling to conform to school regulations, it becomes necessary to remove him/her from the group. If the facts reveal that a student is clearly a distracting or corruptive influence, suspension, withdrawal or expulsion is in order.

***Due Process of Law:*** "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without Due Process of Law." **U. S. Constitution.** Consequently, every attempt shall be made to insure the student's right to receive fair and legal treatment as guaranteed by the Constitution.

***STUDENT/PARENT APPEAL PROCEDURES:*** Teachers - Assistant Principals/Directors - Principal - Assistant Supt./Personnel - Superintendent - Board of Education.

**LEGAL BASIS FOR SCHOOL DISCIPLINE - THE SCHOOL CODE OF 1976 MCLA Sec 380.1311a**

"The Board may authorize or order the suspension or expulsion from school of a pupil of gross misdemeanor or persistent disobedience when the board's judgment the interest of the school may demand the authorization or order. If there is reasonable cause to believe that the pupil is handicapped, and the school district has not evaluated the pupil in accordance with rules of the state board, the pupil shall be evaluation immediately by the intermediate school district of which the school district is constituent in accordance with section 1711."

**MCLA Sec 380.1311a:**

" The school district is enabled to exercise a power implied or incident to any expressly stated...or appropriate to the performance of any function related to the operation of the school district in the interests of public elementary and secondary education in the school district, including, but not limited to...(subparagraph b) providing for the safety and welfare of pupils while at school or a school activity or while en route to or from a school sponsored activity.

**MCLA Sec 380.11a3**

- (3) A general powers school district has all of the rights, powers, and duties expressly stated in this act: may exercise a power implied or incident to a power expressly stated in this act; and, except as provided by law, may exercise a power incidental or appropriate to the performance of a function related to operation of the school district in the interests of public elementary and secondary education in the school district including...

(b) Providing for the safety and welfare of pupils while at school or a school sponsored activity or while en route to or from school or a school sponsored activity.

## **SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Schools of the Lincoln Park School District make the assumption that students, while attending their respective schools, school related activities, or students who are on a school supervised trip, will conduct themselves as responsible citizens of the school community.

Certain types of behavior are never appropriate in the schools or at school activities and are considered to be violations of the District's Code of Conduct. The following are the most common examples of violations. It is understood that a penalty greater than the minimum penalty may be imposed if the situation warrants it.

<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>MINIMUM PENALTY</b>	<b>MAXIMUM PENALTY</b>
1. Arson (starting fires)	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Expulsion as mandated by state law and referral to appropriate authorities
2. Extortion (to obtain something by force, threat, etc.) or attempted extortion	Temporary suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Indefinite suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
3. False Fire Alarm	Temporary suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
4. Bomb Threats	Temporary suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
5. Fighting	Temporary suspension	Indefinite suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
6. Harassment (non physical attack) (i.e., intimidation, bullying)	Warning and/or temporary suspension	Indefinite suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
7. Assault & Battery	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
8. Inciting and/or contributing to the disruption of the educational process	Removal from class and/or referral to the appropriate authorities	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
9. Indecent, lewd or suggestive behavior	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
10. Insubordination (refusal to comply with requests of school authorities)	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities
11. Gross disrespect to school personnel	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities
12. Using and or possession of dangerous weapons such as knives, pipes, clubs, guns, laser pointers, or any other object which can cause bodily harm or which may be used as a weapon which could inflict bodily harm	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
13. Use and/or possession of facsimiles of dangerous weapons	Warning, confiscation and/or temporary suspension	Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
14. Stealing	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Indefinite suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
15. Receiving, concealing or	Temporary suspension and	Expulsion and referral to

possession of stolen property	referral to appropriate authorities	appropriate authorities
16. Possession or use of fireworks or other explosive materials	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
17. Profanity, obscenity (verbal or nonverbal)	Warning and/or temporary suspension	Extended suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities
18. Racial/ethnic slurs (verbal, nonverbal insults, abuse of any member of a racial/ethnic group, use of derogatory names)	Warning and/or temporary suspension	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
19. Repeated violations of school rules	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities	Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
20. Smoking in or on school grounds	Temporary suspension and loss of hall pass privileges for the balance of semester	Extended suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities
21. Possession and/or use of tobacco or tobacco products	Warning and/or temporary suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities	Extended suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities
22. Striking a school employee or volunteer permitted by school authorities to be on school premises		Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
23. Threat to a school employee or volunteer permitted by school authorities to be on school premises	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities
24. In school truancy and/or loitering, or unauthorized presence in restricted premises	In-house suspension	Extended suspension and/or removal from class with loss of credit. Referral to appropriate authorities
25. Conduct while an occupant of a motor vehicle, which may endanger the security of people or property, while on school premises	Temporary suspension and/or referral to appropriate authorities	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
26. Conduct while an occupant in a school authorized motor vehicle, which may endanger security safety on property	Warning, loss of transportation privileges, and/or temporary suspension	Loss of privileges
27. Use, possession, sale or under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs	Withdrawal from school for remainder of semester, loss of credit, and referral to appropriate authorities	Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
28. Possession of drug paraphernalia	Temporary suspension (5 days) and referral to appropriate authorities	Extended suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
29. Willful destruction or defacement of school property	Extended suspension, restitution, and/or referral to appropriate authorities	Indefinite suspension and referral to appropriate authorities
30. Leaving school premises without permission of school authorities	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension
31. Violation of closed campus policy	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension
32. Forgery and/or impersonation (verbal or written deception)	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension

33. Throwing snowballs or other harmful objects	Temporary suspension	Extended suspension
34. Inappropriate behavior during the lunch hour	Parent notification, warning, and/or temporary suspension	Extended suspension
35. Gang related and/or cult behavior or activity	Extended suspension	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense: Expulsion and referral to appropriate authorities
36. Sexual harassment	Parent notification, warning and/or temporary suspension	Expulsion and/or referral to appropriate authorities
37. Possession of pagers, cell phones, or other electronic communication devices	Warning and/or, confiscation and/or temporary suspension	Extended suspension
38. Possession of prescription and/or over the counter drugs without school authorization	Parental notification, warning, confiscation and/or temporary suspension	Extended suspension
39. Other violation which may be considered by administrators or the school board and which may be deemed interfering with the educational process of the school; harmful to the health and personnel property of a students, or school personnel	Temporary suspension	Expulsion and/or referral to appropriate authorities

**Note: In each instance, the parent(s) or guardians(s) will be notified. Students are also expected to abide by building/classroom rules not specifically covered in the Code of Conduct.**