

EXAMPLES OF STUDENT CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

NOTE: This exhibit is meant to provide sample definitions of student conduct violations. The exhibit may need modification in order to ensure it is applicable to each grade level serviced by your district. Districts may wish to develop three distinct sets of definitions for the elementary, middle school, and high school level. Districts that take this approach must apply these definitions uniformly at 1) each elementary school in the district; 2) each middle school in the district; 3) each high school in the district.

Below are examples of minor, moderate, and major conduct violations. The examples are organized categorically based on their general degree of severity but shall serve as guidelines only. In accordance with student disciplinary regulations, school officials with disciplinary authority must take into account the totality circumstances associated with student misconduct before classifying and responding to it.

1. Minor student conduct violations may include, but are not limited to: tardiness, cheating, behavior that creates a slight disruption of classroom operations, failure to complete an assignment, etc.
2. Moderate student conduct violations may include, but are not limited to: use of profane or abusive language, excessive tardiness, plagiarism, cutting class, intermediate forms of insubordination, intermediate forms of disorderly conduct, habitual indolence, etc.
3. Major student conduct violations may include, but are not limited to: violations of state or federal law, violating drug/alcohol/tobacco policies, bullying, hazing, violent or threatening behavior as defined in policy, violating district prohibitions on weapons in school, violating district policy on discrimination/harassment, vandalizing school property, extreme forms of disorderly conduct, extreme forms of insubordination, extreme habitual indolence, etc.