

# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOLS

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It is the policy of the Youngstown City Schools to offer educational activities, employment practices, programs, and services without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, handicap, or age.

## Level 1 Behavior (Conduct which impedes orderly operation of classroom or school)

Level 1 behavior should be dealt with in the classroom by the classroom teacher whenever possible. Ordinarily, a teacher will not refer a student engaging in Level 1 behavior to the school administrators until the classroom teacher has taken at least three documented, progressive level one disciplinary actions. Thereafter the classroom teacher may refer the student to the office. However, earlier referral may be made when the misbehavior occurs outside the classroom or in exceptional circumstances where the classroom teacher believes outside assistance is necessary or will be useful in resolving the problem. Level 1 disciplinary actions may be imposed by classroom teachers, principals, assistant principals or other designated school authorities.

These rules apply to students at all times while they are on school grounds, off school grounds at a school-related activity, function or event or on school buses.

### Behavior

### Definition

### Level 1 Disciplinary Actions

#### Cheating

Using, submitting or attempting to obtain data or answers dishonestly, by deceit or by means other than those authorized by the teacher.

Examples of disciplinary actions which classroom teachers can use to address Level 1 misbehavior include, but are not limited to: verbal reprimand, special assignments (constructive), oral or written notification to parent(s); student mediation, contracts, classroom detention, conference with student and/or parents, parent observation of student during classtime, temporary separation from peers, loss of class privileges, restitution, merits/demerits, counselor referral, administrative referral.

#### Disorderly Conduct

Engaging in minor physical or verbal altercations. Insulting, taunting or challenging another person under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to provoke a violent response or disruptive response.

#### Dress Code

Dressing or grooming in a manner which disrupts the teaching and learning of others as determined by Youngstown City School Policies. (See Uniform Dress Code).

Dress code violations, including uniform dress code violation may result in 24 hour removal from school with parent conference. Repeated violations will cause Level II disciplinary action resulting in suspension or recommendation of expulsion for multiple offenses.

#### Forgery

Writing the name of another person or altering times, dates, grades, passes or permits.

#### Gambling

Playing any game of chance or skill for money or items of value.

School administrators may use any of the actions available to the classroom teacher, as well as central detention, transfer to another class, loss of school privileges, schedule changes or such other in-school remedial action as the administrator deems appropriate.

#### Indecent/Objectable Language

Using language socially unacceptable, offensive or making improper gestures in the presence of others.

Out-of-school suspension/expulsion is not an option for Level 1 discipline.

#### Littering

Throwing of paper, trash or other materials on the floor inside school buildings or grounds.

#### Truancy, Class Cutting and Tardiness

Unexcused absences, cutting class or arriving at school or class after the designated time.

#### Verbal Abuse

Willfully intimidating, insulting or in any other manner, verbally abusing other students.