

## Level 2 Behavior (Illegal and/or serious misconduct - not life or health threatening to others)

A student charged with behavior which is classified herein as Level 2 shall be subject to the disciplinary actions listed below which are recommended for each offense. This means that lesser penalties may be assessed depending upon the facts and circumstances, but not a greater penalty than that listed shall normally be applied. Disciplinary actions may be imposed out of the sequence listed if the circumstances surrounding the misbehavior, including the student's past record, seems to warrant a more severe penalty. However, if the progressive discipline policy is not followed, the grounds for imposing a lesser or harsher penalty must be documented.

Level 2 disciplinary actions may be imposed by the superintendent or principal in accordance with Ohio law. 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, off school grounds, but school related, or on school buses.

Behavior	Definition	Disciplinary Action		
		<i>First Offense</i>	<i>Second Offense</i>	<i>Third Offense</i>
<b>Damage/Destruction of Property</b>	Causing, attempting to cause or threatening to cause damage to school or private property.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Extortion/Coercion</b>	Obtaining or attempting to obtain money or property from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act by either physical force or intimidation (threat).	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Fighting</b>	Engaging in physical conflict with another pupil, threatening serious harm to another pupil or engaging in violent or turbulent behavior.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Insubordination</b>	Knowingly refusing to comply with reasonable school rules or with reasonable instructions of authorized school personnel, including repeated Level 1 violations and multiple offenses.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Hazing</b>	Doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subject to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Obscenities/Verbal Abuse/Vulgarity</b>	Directing obscene, abusive, or vulgar language, written or verbal, toward school personnel, or any member of the school community. This shall include use of obscene gestures and signs.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Refusal to Identify Self</b>	Refusal to show valid identification or to give his/her correct name when requested to do so by school personnel or persons delegated school authority.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Disruptive Behavior</b>	Engaging in any conduct for the purpose of disrupting or obstructing any lawful mission, process or function of the school or a school-related activity.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Sexual Misconduct</b>	Intentionally touching another person inappropriately or intimately, including any conduct involving sexual harassment.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Theft</b>	Stealing or attempting to steal school or private property or participate in the theft or attempted theft of school or private property.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Trespassing</b>	Being in a school building or on school grounds without permission or refusing to comply with a request to leave school premises.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>*Use of Tobacco</b>	Smoking, using or possessing tobacco in any form. Possessing lighters or matches.	Short-term suspension (1-3 days)	Long-term suspension (3-10 days)	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Cell Phones</b>	(Grades K-12) Students may possess a cell phone but it <u>must</u> be <b>turned off and not visible</b> (where lockers are not available) during the school day. <b>For middle and high school students, cell phones <u>must</u> be locked in lockers during the school day.</b>	Short-term suspension (1-3 days) Cell phone is confiscated and parent must pick up the cell phone at Board of Education.	Long-term suspension (3-10 days) Cell phone is confiscated and parent must pick up phone at Board of Education at the end of the school year.	Recommendation for Expulsion
<b>Technology Violation</b>	(Grades K-12) Students are not permitted to have IPODS, MP3 players, CD players or any such device at school unless it is being used for educational purposes	Short-term suspension (1-3 days). Confiscated and held in office to end of day.	Long-term suspension (3-10 days). Confiscated and held in office to the end of the school year.	Recommendation for Expulsion