Jackson County Schools
Code of Conduct for Student Behavior
Summary Statement
2026-2027 School Year

The overall goal of Jackson County Board of Education Policy 5500 Student Conduct and West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4373 is for all students to develop personal skills and dispositions of wellness, responsibility, Self-direction, ethical character, cultural awareness and good citizenship in an environment that is caring and safe.

LEVEL 1 INFRACTIONS	LEVEL 1 INTERVENTIONS
Minimally Disruptive Behaviors- disrupt the educational process and the orderly operations of the school but do not pose direct danger to self or others. -Cheating -Deceit -Disruptive/Disrespectful Conduct -Falsifying identity -Inappropriate appearance -Inappropriate display of affection -Inappropriate Language -Possession of inappropriate personal property -Failure to serve detention -Tardiness -Vehicle parking violation -Skipping class	-Administrator/student conference or reprimand -Administrator and teacher-parent/guardian conference -Academic sanctions may be used to deny credit for work resulting from cheating; however, previously earned grades/credits may not be reduced. -Counseling referrals and conference to support staff or agencies -Daily/weekly progress reports -Behavioral contracts -Change in the student's class schedule -School service assignment -Confiscation of inappropriate item -Revocation of privileges -Restitution/restoration -Detention (lunch, before and/or after school) -Denial of participation in class and/or school activities -Immediate exclusion by teacher from the classroom with a recommended duration of one period/subject of the school day for the first exclusion, (West Virginia Code §18A-5-1) -In-school suspension - West Virginia Code §18A-5-1 (d) prohibits the use of suspension solely for not attending class. -In-school suspension -West Virginia Code §18A-5-1 (d) prohibits the use of suspension solely for not attending class. -While out-of-school suspension is not recommended for Level 1 Inappropriate Behavior, if used at the discretion of the school administrator, it should be limited to a maximum of three (3) days. -Law enforcement notification if warranted. Absent a real and immediate threat to school or public safety, incidents involving public order offenses shall be considered school discipline issues.
LEVEL 2 INFRACTIONS	**LEVEL 2 INTERVENTIONS**
Disruptive and Potentially Harmful Behaviors- disrupt the educational process and/or pose potential harm or danger to self and/or others. The behavior is committed willfully but not in a manner that is intended maliciously to cause harm or danger to self and/or others. -Gang-related activity -Habitual violation of school rules or policies -Insubordination -Leaving school without permission -Physical fight without injury -Possession of imitation weapon -Possession of knife not meeting "dangerous weapon definition" -Profane language/obscene gesture/indecent act toward and employee or student -Technology misuse	-Administrator/student conference or reprimand -Administrator and teacher- parent/guardian conference -Referral to support staff or agencies for counseling or other therapeutic services -Daily/weekly progress reports -Behavioral contracts -Change in the student's class schedule -School service assignment -Confiscation of inappropriate item -Revocation of privileges -Restitution/restoration -Before and/or after-school detention -Denial of participation in class and/or school activities -Immediate exclusion by teacher from the classroom with a recommended duration of one period/subject of the school day for the first exclusion, (West Virginia Code §18A-5-1) -In-school suspension -Out-of-school suspension with a recommended maximum of five (5) days (See guidelines in Ch. 6, Sec. 2) West Virginia Code §18A-5-1 (d) prohibits the use of suspension solely for not attending class. -The principal and/or superintendent may recommend placement in an Alternative Education program as described in Section 5 of this chapter. -Expulsion recommendation -Law enforcement notification if warranted. Absent a real and immediate threat to school or public safety, incidents involving public order offenses shall be considered school discipline issues to be handled by school officials.

LEVEL 3 INFRACTIONS	LEVEL 3 INTERVENTIONS
Imminently Dangerous, Illegal and/or Aggressive Behaviors-are willfully committed and are known to be illegal and/or harmful to people and/or property. -Battery against a student -Defacing school property/vandalism -False fire alarm -Gambling -Larceny -Sexual misconduct -Inhalant abuse -*Imitation Drugs* -Substance containing tobacco/nicotine -Improper or negligent operation of a motor vehicle -Fraud/forgery -Hazing -Trespassing -Harassment/bullying/intimidation -Threat of injury/assault aga*inst an employee or student*	Level 3 behaviors are criminal offenses and therefore warrant formal law enforcement intervention that may result in issuance of a criminal citation, ticket, or summons, filing a delinquency petition, referral to a probation officer, or actual arrest. When any student is to be interviewed in connection with an investigation pursuant to a Level 3 or 4 inappropriate behavior, a reasonable effort shall be made to contact the student's parent, custodian or guardian and invite them to be present during such interview, provided such parental notification does not compromise overall school/student safety. Written, documentation of the contact attempts must be housed with the documentation of the student behavior infraction. In addition, if law enforcement officials are contacted, this contact must be documented. -Administrator/student conference or reprimand -Administrator and teacher-parent/guardian conference -Referral to support staff or agencies for counseling or other therapeutic services -Notification of appropriate Health and Human Resources -Daily/weekly progress reports -Behavioral contracts -Change in the student's class schedule -School service assignment
LEVEL 4 INFRACTIONS	**LEVEL 4 INTERVENTIONS**
Safe Schools Act Behaviors - addressed in WV Code 18A-5-1a(a) and (b) and are aligned with WV Code 61-6-17, 61-6-24, and 18A-5-1, and in the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1993. These laws require that the principal, superintendent and County Board address Level 4 behaviors in a specific manner as outlined in WV Code 18A-5-1a. **- Battery Against a School Employee** - Felony - **Possession and/or Use of Dangerous Weapon** **-** Alcohol **-** Possession of a Controlled Substance - **Sale of a Narcotic Drug** **(Infractions in "bold" denote that shall result in suspension and recommendation for expulsion)**	If a student has been suspended for battery on a school employee pursuant to WV Code 18A-5-1a, the principal or designee shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, request that the Superintendent recommend to the Board that the student be expelled. Upon such request of the Superintendent by a principal or designee, the Superintendent **shall** recommend to the Board that the student be expelled. Upon such recommendation to the Board by the Superintendent, the Board **shall** conduct a hearing in accordance with WV Code 18A-5-1a subsections (e), (f), and (g), to determine if the student committed the alleged violation. If the Board finds that the student did commit the alleged violation, the Board shall expel the student. Pursuant to WV Code 18A-5-1a (b), if a student has been suspended for committing an act or engaging in conduct that would constitute a felony under the laws of this State if committed by an adult on the premises of an educational facility, at a school-sponsored function, or on a school bus, the principal or designee **may** request that the Superintendent recommend to the Board that the student be expelled. Upon such recommendation by the Superintendent, the Board may hold a hearing in accordance with WV Code 18A-5-1a subsections (e), (f), and (g) to determine if the student committed the alleged violation. If the Board finds that the student did commit the alleged violation, the Board **may** expel the student. If a student has been suspended for possession of a firearm or deadly weapon pursuant to WV Code 18A-5-1a, the principal or designee **shall,** within twenty-four (24) hours, request that the Superintendent recommend to the Board that the student be expelled. Upon such request of the Superintendent by a principal or designee, the Superintendent **shall** recommend to the Board that the student be expelled. Upon such recommendation to the Board by the Superintendent, the Board shall conduct a hearing in accordance with WV Code 18A-5-1a subsections (e), (f), (g) to determine if the student committed the alleged violation. If the Board finds that the student did commit the alleged violation, the Board **shall** expel the student.