WARREN POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Student/Parent Handbook

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VISION STATEMENT

Warren Point Elementary School is committed to the following:

- Upholding high expectations.
- Demanding a safe, supportive, respectful environment for self and others.
- Expecting honesty, integrity, pride, responsibility, and compassion.
- Fostering positive student, staff, family, and community relationships.
- Appreciating, respecting, and celebrating diversity.
- Instilling critical thinking, problem solving, and effective communication skills.
- Nurturing appreciation for creativity and the arts.
- Supporting extracurricular activities.
- Emphasizing the connection between education and future success.
- Committing all available resources to achieve the mission.

MISSION STATEMENT

Warren Point Elementary School is a collaborative community of faculty, staff, families, and students committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and engaging educational environment. Our mission is to support the diverse academic, social, and emotional needs of all learners through meaningful opportunities and consistent expectations that empower every student to grow with confidence. Rooted in mutual respect and strong relationships, we strive to nurture responsible, self-assured, and compassionate individuals as they "cross the bridge" to become leaders of tomorrow.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS OF SESSION

Students should arrive at school by 8:35 a.m. We ask that parents do not send or drop-off children earlier than 8:25 a.m., since there is no outdoor/indoor supervision prior to that time. The first bell rings 8:35 a.m. for students to enter the building. Upon entering the building, students are to report directly to their classrooms. On inclement weather days, students may enter the building at 8:25. School begins at 8:40 a.m. Any student arriving after the 8:40 a.m. bell is considered tardy. Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Early dismissal time is 12:45 p.m. Students are dismissed according to the regular 3:00 p.m. procedures.

DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE

You will be notified from the Superintendent of Schools through the telephone community notification system, SCHOOL MESSENGER, in the event of a delayed opening or school closing.

Students are to be at school at 10:10 a.m. DOORS ALLOWING THE STUDENTS ADMITTANCE INTO SCHOOL WILL **NOT BE OPENED UNTIL 10:10 a.m.** You may also visit the district's WEB SITE at www.fairlawnschools.org.

ABSENCES/TARDINESS

Students cannot fully benefit from a school's educational program unless attendance is regular and uninterrupted. We ask that you call the school attendance line (x 5000) by 8:45 a.m. if your child is going to be absent in the morning. Please state the reason for the absence. This procedure is designed for safety. If you do not call, it will be necessary for our school office to call you at home or at work.

Children are encouraged to be punctual. If any student is tardy excessively, a letter will be sent home from the principal requesting a meeting to discuss potential solutions. We request that parents support their child's efforts to arrive on time.

Students who miss 14 or more days could jeopardize end of year promotion. Students must also make up any work missed during their absence. They can contact their child's teacher to pick up any missed work at the main office.

CONFERENCES AND VISITS

Parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher twice a year at which time pupil progress is discussed and report cards distributed. These conferences are in the fall and spring. Parents may request a conference at any time and are encouraged to contact the teacher or school office whenever there is a question or concern.

PTA MEETINGS

Bi-Monthly meetings are held by the PTA over the course of the year. PTA membership and active participation is encouraged. Through fundraising profits, the PTA is able to provide our students with workshops, assemblies and after-school activities, as well as purchasing much needed equipment and supplies for the classrooms. The PTA is made up of both parents and teachers of Warren Point.

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

The Fair Lawn Community School offers before and after care programs for students in the Warren Point Elementary School gymnasium. The programs are in session from 7:15 a.m.-8:35 a.m. before school and 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. after school. For more information, please call the Fair Lawn Community School at 201-794-5420.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND CLOSING

Please post the calendar card in a convenient place or check the district website, which can be accessed here. It contains important information concerning the school calendar and emergency closings The district also has a "School Messenger" system where announcements will be made. School Messenger/School Webpage School Messenger has been implemented to serve as an online communication system. This online tool provides communication among parents, students, teachers and the school. School calendar items, lunch menus, information about emergency school closing, academics, guidance and other school news can be found on our school webpage. Information about each of your child's classes is also accessible.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
You will need to update your address with the Community School. Thet can be reached at 201-794-5450 x-2368. However, please inform the office of any change in address or phone number any time throughout the year.

WITHDRAWING
If you find it necessary to withdraw your child during the school year, please call the school secretary 201-794-5570 x5150 to arrange for a transfer card.

REPORT CARDS AND GRADES
Report cards are distributed three times each school year in grades K-4. Dates are set each year for parent conferences. This does not preclude having other meetings during the school year as needed. Report cards can be accessed through Genesis.

STANDARDIZED TESTS
Parents are notified when tests are to be given. These test results are sent home as soon as possible. Parents may arrange to have a conference to discuss these tests at any time. Both state tests (NJSLA 3 and 4) and district testing (CoGAT) occur during the academic year. In addition, teachers assess learning through portfolios, reading assessments, and content-based testing.
For more information on the District curriculum, please check the website.

SCHOOL POLICIES

NO BULLYING POLICY
The district has adopted an "Anti-Bullying Policy" (5131.1) that is supported by Warren Point. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn. Bullying or any disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. More information on the district's anti-bullying policy can be found on the district or school website.

BICYCLES
The bike rack is located on the Back blacktop, near the main office. All riders must wear a helmet. Persistent violators of safety rules will have the privilege of riding to and from school taken away. Bicycles may not be ridden on school grounds, sidewalks, and paths. Riding double is illegal. The school cannot accept responsibility for the damage or loss of bicycles brought to school. Bicycles should be locked in the bike rack. If your child rides home, he/she must leave school grounds and report home immediately after dismissal.

STUDENT WALKERS
Students in Grades 3 & 4 may walk home with parent/guardian permission. A form will be sent home at the beginning of the year, and parents must give consent. Students who walk to school alone may not arrive before 8:25. At the end of the day, students walkers must leave the school grounds immediately.

VISITORS/DROP OFF BIN
Visitors are required to report to the Main Office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass. Please be prepared to present your ID to the office staff. You will be required to sign-out and return the visitor pass prior to leaving. Please use the entrance by the office and ring the bell to announce your arrival. NO ONE SHOULD GO DIRECTLY TO A CLASSROOM OR ONTO THE PLAYGROUND AT ANY TIME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. For your convenience, a Drop Off Bin is located at the office entrance for you to drop off items to your child or teacher during the school day. Please ring the bell to let the office know you have placed an item in the bin. Pens and post-its are provided to label the item with your child's name and homeroom. Please do not use the bin to drop off medication for your child. This must go directly to the school nurse with proper forms completed.

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
While many of us enjoy family pets, we prohibit bringing any animals onto school property. Some children have allergies or are fearful of animals. Safety is important. Please cooperate in helping keep our school grounds clean and safe. Only service animals are allowed on the premises.

FIELD TRIPS
Children are sometimes taken on field trips in order to provide outside educational experiences. The individual classroom teacher supervises these trips. When such trips are taken, you will be asked to sign a permission slip. Arrangements are made for children without permission slips to remain in school with another class.

CONTACTING CLASSROOM TEACHERS
Classroom teachers are available through email or phone. Parents may call and leave messages for individual teachers at any time. Children may use the phone with the permission of the teacher in the case of an emergency.

CELL PHONES/SMART WATCHES
If you send your child to school with a cell phone or smart watch, it may only be used after school. **It must remain in their backpack and turned off.** Any device used during the day will be brought to the principal's office and must be picked up by a parent.

VISITORS
Visitors, including parents and other relatives, must enter through the main front door. At all times, visitors and guests must report **first** and **directly** to the Main Office where a visitor's pass will be issued. Any non-staff person found in the building without a pass will be directed to the Main Office.

STUDENT PICK-UP/EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS
Any parent/guardian picking up a student **must report to the main office** to sign out the student. At that time, the office staff will contact the classroom and request that your child pack his/her belongings and come to the office.

Parents/guardians should not be walking through the halls or to classrooms to pick up their children. Once the student has been contacted, parents may wait at the front entrance for their children.

The only exception is when a child goes home sick. In this circumstance, his/her parent/guardian needs to sign in at the main office before going to nurse's office to pick up their child. A student **may not be picked up by any person other than their parent/guardian without a letter** from the

parent/guardian granting permission for an alternate person to pick-up. These situations should be handled in the same manner as stated above.

PARKING AT SCHOOL
Parking spaces are available on the street around Warren Point Elementary School. At no time should cars be parked in crosswalks or in designated staff parking spaces. In addition, no one other than teachers should drive through the teachers' parking lot. Parents are not to drop off or pick up their children in the No Parking or Standing zones.
AT NO TIME WILL PARKING DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE BE PERMITTED. THESE AREAS SHOULD BE KEPT FREE FOR SCHOOL BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Due to the increasing number of food allergies among children, food items will no longer be part of birthday celebrations. If you would like you may donate a book to the library or your child's class library in your child's name. You may also purchase birthday pencils, bookmarks or erasers, etc., for your child to share with his/her classmates.

CLASS PARTIES
The Department of Education has limited the distribution of sugary snack foods for parties. Class parents should limit holiday and end of year celebrations to a simple, healthy snack. Birthday party invitations may only be distributed in class if there is one for each student in the classroom.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
Before 8:25 and after 3:00, students MUST be supervised by an adult while playing on the playground as there are no staff on duty.

INTERVENTION AND REFERRRAL SERVICES(I&RS)
Intervention and Referral Servies(I&RS) are available to help meet student needs. Students who might benefit from additional services are referred to the Child Study Team(CST), which is composed of the School Psychologist, Social Worker and Learning consultant. I&RS meetings may include the Principal, CST members, classroom teacher, the school nurse, clinicians, coaches, interventionists and any other professional who provides services to the child.

DRESS CODE
The Fair Lawn Board of education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of the student's personal style and individual preferences. Good grooming and positive personal appearance is an important part of Warren Point's learning atmosphere. Students should project an appearance that is conducive to a safe and positive learning environment.

In order to provide guidance to students, and assist parents and guardians in monitoring students' grooming and dress, the school has established the following guidelines:

- Sneakers only with laces, Velcro closures or secure fit are required for gym use and other outdoor activities, including recess.
- Due to safety concerns, open back shoes such as flip flops are not permitted to be worn during the school day. Crocs must be in sport mode.
- Shirts, blouses and tops should be of sufficient length to meet the top of the pants, skirts, and shorts.
- Mini skirts, midriff barring shirts or tops with spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Hats and sunglasses are to be removed prior to entering the building. Head coverings worn for religious purposes are permitted.

TEACHERS' PARKING LOT/DROPOFF/PICK UP
Please understand that the following are put in place to ensure the safety of your children and the faculty and staff of Warren Point Elementary School.
Please:

1. Do not drive into the teachers' parking lot to drop off or pick up your child.
2. Please have your child cross the street appropriately at the corners with the crossing guard, not in the middle of the streets.
3. Children line up at their assigned location and wait in line for the doors to open. Children should not be coming to the front door for entrance to the building during the morning drop off period.

LUNCH AND RECESS

LUNCH PROGRAM
Maschio's Food Service sponsors the Fair Lawn School District's lunch program. Prices will be determined at the beginning of the school year. A lunch menu is available online on the school's webpage. Funds can be added to a student's account through payschoolscentral.com or by sending a check into school with your child.

LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE
Grades 1, 2 and 3 eat from approximately 11:31 to 12:01 and have recess from 12:01 to 12:31
Grades K & 4 will eat from 12:01 to 12:31 and have recess from 11:31 to 12:01

Recess will be either indoors or outdoors, depending on weather conditions. If the temperature is between 32 degrees and 89 degrees. Students will be outside. When the relative temperature is freezing or below, recess will be indoors. Children should come dressed appropriately for outdoor recess and are reminded to bring their coats to lunch.

LUNCH SAFETY/RULES
According to district policy, children are to remain in school for lunch. Children may, however, leave school with their parents if written notification is sent. Parents must come into the school to sign their child in and out.

Children who eat lunch in school are not permitted to leave the school grounds. During the lunch hour, children are supervised by a teacher and class-assigned lunch aides.

During lunch students are reminded to:

- Speak in a quiet voice
- Stay in their assigned seat
- Raise their hand to speak to a person in charge
- Clean up area after eating
- Line up quietly for recess
- NO toys or trading cards allowed

HEALTH INFORMATION

The health and safety of all students is paramount at Warren Point Elementary School. The staff of the Health Office tries to ensure that every student is functioning at his or her optimal level of health.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
Using the Genesis Parent Portal, please fill out emergency contact information. Should your child become ill or injured during the school day, it is important that we be able to reach a parent or guardian. If your home/cell number changes, please update the Genesis Parent Portal as quickly as possible or notify the main office of the change.

ILLNESS
Please keep your child home if he/she shows any of the following symptoms:

- Flushed face or other signs of fever, such as complaints of a headache
- Constant runny nose, persistent cough, or sneezing
- Sore throat, earache, or swollen glands
- Vomiting, nausea, or diarrhea **(must be FREE from these symptoms for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school)**
- Conjunctivitis or rash – must have a physician's letter stating the child is not contagious in order to return to school, unless the condition no longer is evident
- Scratching/itching of the scalp-child should be checked for lice.

MEDICATION
The following requirements are needed for a child to receive prescribed or over-the-counter medications at school:

1. A physician's written order with the name, dosage and purpose of the medication
2. Written permission from the parent/guardian to administer the medication
3. The medication must be in the original container with the student's name on it. Students are not allowed to take medication unsupervised. The only exception is a student who has a doctor's order for self-medicating with an inhaler. Medication must be transported to school by a parent. At year's end, medications must be picked up by the parent.

COUGH DROPS and Lozenges are considered an over the counter medication, and must follow the above regulations. A parent/guardian letter alone does not fulfill the criteria.

SCREENINGS
In accordance with state guidelines, the School Nurse conducts annual auditory screenings for all children in grades K-3. Students in grades K, 2, and 4 will have their vision checked. Height, weight, and blood pressure will be checked annually for all students. Parents will be contacted with a referral regarding any health needs that warrant further medical evaluation. Requests by a parent or teacher for a child to be screened may be submitted throughout the year.

IMMUNIZATION
Immunizations must comply with New Jersey requirements. Documentation of immunizations from the previous school or physician's office is accepted. Medical exemption requires written explanation from the physician.

PHYSICAL EXAMS
Physical exams are required for all new students and kindergarten entrants. Your physician should complete this examination. Fourth grade students are recommended to have a physical exam (forms are sent home in the spring prior to 4th grade).

If your child is having a routine physical in any grade, please request a copy be sent to the School Nurse so his/her school records may be kept current

MEDICAL CONCERNS
Parents are encouraged to contact the Health Office regarding any medical concerns they may have with respect to their child's health. Please remember to keep us advised of any changes in your emergency contact numbers or if your home, work, or cell phone number has changed. These telephone numbers are important so that we may reach you without delay should your child become ill or injured. Please report to the nurse any surgery, contagious disease or accident which may have occurred over the summer or holiday so that your child's health record may be updated.

SCHOOL INSURANCE
The Board of Education has purchased group accident insurance coverage for all students during school hours only. You must submit claims to your private health insurance carrier first and then the remaining bills to Bollinger, the carrier provided by the Board of Education. In addition, 24- hour coverage for injury or dental accident insurance may be purchased on an individual basis.

FOOD ALLERGIES
Food allergies affect up to 6 percent of young children in the U.S. Many of our students have allergies to different food products. Common foods that can cause allergies include: peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, eggs (especially egg whites), milk, soy, and wheat. Some students are so sensitive or allergic that even minute traces of these allergens can put them in a life-threatening situation. You can help in these ways:

- When sending food to your child's class, please check with the homeroom teacher first as to what is acceptable and permitted.
- Remind your child that sharing food is not allowed at any time, including during their lunch/snack time.
- Students with nut allergies will sit at an identified "nut free" table during lunchtime. They may choose a buddy to sit with them. This is for the safety of any child with a nut allergy and ensures that cross-contamination does not occur.

***Please contact the nurse with any questions or concerns regarding your child's health.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The philosophy of physical education at Warren Point Elementary School is to instill good sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for one another through a variety of sports and activities. Warren Point Elementary School is focused on Health and Fitness. Students are encouraged to eat healthy lunches and snacks while at school and home. For further information, please refer to the Physical Ed. Policies webpage found at www.fairlawnschools.org. Children must wear sneakers during PE, pants cannot touch the floor and sleeves cannot pass the wrist. Children cannot wear jewelry to PE. The Physical Education teacher is not responsible for holding valuables during class time.

Your child may be excused from physical education instruction once with a parent letter. The letter should state the reason for the excuse. The student will also be excused from outside recess on that day. After the one day of being excused with a parental note, the parents must get a physician's note for their child to be excused from P.E.

A physician's letter is required for all casts, immobilizers, splints, or crutches. The duration, limitations and when the student may return to physical education instruction must be included in the letter.

HOMEWORK

Homework reinforces and enriches school experiences. It provides practice in building skills and promotes good work habits and pupil responsibility. It also gives youngsters who are absent from school an opportunity to make up work that is missed. If your child is absent due to illness, and you wish to pick up work for them, please notify the office by noon so that the work can be requested and prepared by your child's teacher. This work may be picked up in the office after regular dismissal time for that day.

*****Homework is not given to students during absences for voluntary travel.**

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

In 4th grade, students have the opportunity to select one band or orchestra instrument as an additional elective. Enrollment is encouraged for all, but not at the expense of academic success. Lessons are held in small group settings, once a week as a rotating pull out lesson. Students should not miss the same class more than once each month. If a child forgets their instrument, they should check with the office before their lesson to see if it has been dropped off (the office does not call the classroom as it will interrupt regular class instruction). If you are dropping off your child's instrument, please make sure it is labeled with their FULL name and TEACHER when bringing it to the main office. The office will call the classroom to let the teacher know it has been dropped off and students will be responsible for coming to pick it up at the time of their lesson.

SPECIALS

Specials include Art (34 minutes weekly), Music (34 minutes weekly), World Language - Spanish (34 minutes weekly), Technology (34 minutes weekly) & Physical Education (two 34 minute periods weekly).

ELEMENTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Warren Point Elementary School is strengthening the character of our students by participating in the Fair Lawn School District's Character Education Program. Our program is based on the following six pillars of character:

1. **TRUSTWORTHINESS**-Student is loyal, honest, reliable, and has integrity.
2. **RESPECT** – Student treats others non-violently, with courtesy and tolerance.
3. **RESPONSIBILITY** – Student pursues excellence with self-control and is accountable.
4. **FAIRNESS** – Students show open-mindedness and treat each other equally.
5. **CARING** – Student is kind, loving and helps others.
6. **CITIZENSHIP** – Student plays by the rules, respects others and contributes to the school.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I have a **RIGHT** to learn and grow.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to be in attendance at the beginning of school each day and be prepared to do my best work.

I have the **RIGHT** to have my ideas and feelings heard by others.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to express myself, listen to others, and participate in an appropriate manner.

I have the **RIGHT** to be safe from hurtful words and actions.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect individual differences, ideas, and feelings and avoid physical confrontations with my classmates.

I have a **RIGHT** to have my personal property protected.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect items which belong to others.

I have a **RIGHT** to go to an adult when I have a problem I cannot solve on my own.

It is my **RESPONSIBILITY** to try to include others in work and play activities and ask others to help solve problems.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

It is crucial that students' positive behaviors are celebrated and recognized. These supports include preventative and responsive approaches that are implemented with all students in the classroom and intensified to support small groups or individual students as needed. The following strategies and techniques are utilized throughout the school year:

Classroom Behavior Systems: Teachers utilize a reward system(s) of their preference for individual, group, and class behavior. For individual behavior, teachers MAY use Class Dojo, sticker charts, ticket systems and other techniques. Teachers use positive behavior strategies to reward cooperative partners and group work such as "table tallies" or "other". Additionally, teachers MAY use whole class rewards such as marble jars, learning stones, and catching compliments to support whole class positive behavior.

School Wide Incentives: School wide incentives also take place to acknowledge behaviors in a positive way. Examples include but are not limited to: Pride at the Point, Be a Buddy NOT a Bully and SOAR, and other School Wide Incentive Projects.

No Place for Hate: Warren Point is a Gold Star No Place for Hate school. No Place for Hate® is an Anti-Defamation League (ADL) program that empowers K–12 schools to create inclusive, safe, and respectful communities by actively combating bias and bullying. Throughout the year, Students and staff participate in many NPFH initiatives such as Mix-it-up lunch, assemblies, role-playing and other activities that promote respect, equality and belonging.

It is our belief that teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehavior to occur before responding. The above examples of positive behavior support us in establishing a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS & POTENTIAL INTERVENTIONS

Level 1	• Aggression, Physical, no bodily harm • Cheating or Plagiarizing • Defiance of Authority • Disruptive Behavior- including To and From School (bus violations) • Tardiness • Verbal Abuse • Willful Disobedience	*Classroom interventions may be appropriate when a student has had minimal or no prior conduct violations and interventions have not been put in place.*
Level 2	• Leaving the Building/School Grounds • Theft • Trespassing, including during periods of dismissal or suspension • Verbal threat with intent to cause physical or mental harm • Truancy, unexcused absence • Unauthorized or inappropriate use of technology • Willful Damage to Property of Others and/or School Property • Continual Willful Disobedience	*School and administrative interventions may be appropriate when behavior has a negative impact on learning for the student and others.*
Level 3	• Aggression, Physical, resulting in bodily harm (including staff members) • Fighting	*Detention or suspension from school for one full school day or more if deemed appropriate by the school administrator*
Level 4	*For each violation on the chart, the level is the minimum disciplinary action. When violations are repeated offenses or represent a pattern, it will be considered a higher level violation.*	*Possible suspension from school for two or more days may be appropriate when interventions and supports have been put in place but the behavior is escalating (repeated offenses). Referral for expulsion may be appropriate when student's behavior has a serious impact on the safety of others in the school or disrupts the rights of others to an education or the ability of school staff to perform their duties.*

Individualized interventions may include (examples):

- Think about it sheets
- Plan with parent(s)
- Strategic use of placement in another room and/or loss of privilege
- Social skills or anti-bullying curriculum
- Mentoring
- Self-monitoring with reporting to designated staff member
- Teach refocusing and self-control skills
- Modify individual schedule
- Analysis/observation of past intervention strategies and behavioral and academic performance

Definition of Student Code of Conduct Violations:

Aggression, Physical: An intentional act by a student resulting in unwelcome physical contact with another person. It includes, but is not limited to, pushing and slapping.

Cheating, Including Plagiarism: Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, copying the work of others, using the ideas or writings of another person.

Defiance of Authority: Willful refusal to follow directions given by a staff member.

Disruptive Behavior: Situations and/or actions that staff believe interfere with or have the potential to interfere with effective operations of the school.

Disruptive Behavior To and From School: Behavior which endangers or harasses students on their way to and from school, or at the bus stop, or diverts the bus driver's attention from driving.

Fighting: Mutual physical altercation in which both parties have contributed to the situation (may be verbal or physical).

Leaving the Building/School Grounds: Leaving school grounds during school hours without authorization/permission.

Tardiness: Arriving late to school or class.

Theft: The unauthorized taking of the property of another. Restitution may be required.

Trespassing: Being physically present on school property or at a school activity after being directed to leave by a school administrator or other person lawfully responsible for the control of the premises. Being on school grounds during a dismissal or suspension period is considered trespassing.

Truancy/Unexcused Absence: Unauthorized absence from school or class. Student referred to I&RS committee.

Unauthorized or Inappropriate Use of Technology: Any act that violates the Board of Education's Information Technology Usage Policy or constitutes an unacceptable or illegal use of the School District's computer facilities, systems, networks or software. This includes but is not limited to sending or posting harmful text or images using the Internet, wireless phones, or other communications devices. This policy applies to student acts occurring on or off school property and during or after school hours. Student consequences include possible loss of technology access privileges, dismissal, and/or police notification.

Verbal Abuse: Use of disrespectful or threatening language.

Willful Damage to Property of Others: Willful damage to property of staff members and/or others.

Willful Damage to School Property: Willfully cutting, defacing, or otherwise injuring in any way any property, real or personal, belonging to or used by the School District. The parent/guardian shall be liable for all damage caused by the student.

Willful Disobedience: Refusal to follow published classroom rules and regulations and school rights and responsibilities.
Willful Disobedience, Continual: Repeated refusal to follow classroom rules and regulations and school rights and responsibilities after student and/or parent conference resulting from first violation.