

RULES FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

In addition to adopted Board Policies and Administrative Regulations governing all students of the Elkhart Community Schools, the Elkhart Community Schools adopt the following rules governing student conduct. These rules apply to actions which occur on school property, inside or outside the school building, or on property adjacent to school property; or at any school-sponsored activity regardless of location; or when traveling to or from school or any educational activity. Disregard of these rules shall constitute grounds for suspension, expulsion, or any other reasonable form of disciplinary action. In addition to being subjected to discipline, students who use cellular phones, pagers, cameras, electronic equipment and other similar devices in a manner that is inconsistent with these rules may have those devices confiscated by the school.

1. Insubordination. Refusal to obey or follow a reasonable order or directive given by any Elkhart school staff member. Refusal to provide proper and sufficient identification upon request of any staff member. Staff members shall mean teachers, administrators, custodians, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, all other employees and officials, and authorized volunteers.
2. Failure to clearly display a school identification card when this is required by a student's school.
3. Theft of school property or property belonging to another student or staff member or being in possession of stolen property.
4. Fighting and/or committing any act which jeopardizes the health, safety, or welfare of other students, staff members, or visitors.
5. Vandalism. Damaging any property belonging to other students, staff, or to the Elkhart Community Schools.
6. Use of, display of, or participation in any form of profanity, indecency, or obscenity.
7. Use of conduct or language which reasonably threatens, intimidates, or indicates disrespect of another person.
8. Bullying. Student(s) who use overt, repeated acts or gestures, including, but not limited to, verbal or written communications, and/or physical acts, with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm other students.
9. Failure to follow directions during an emergency or an emergency drill.
10. Failure to follow cafeteria procedures and rules.
11. Consuming food or drink in the building except in the cafeteria or other designated areas.
12. Use of the elevator without the specific and express permission of a staff member.
13. Leaving a class station or other assigned area without permission of a staff member.

14. Leaving school property at a time other than the end of the student's scheduled day, unless specific permission is granted by the administration, and the sign-out procedure is followed by the student.
15. Failure to comply with school attendance/tardy policies.
16. Failure to comply with study hall, detention, and/or in-school suspension regulations.
17. Failure to attend assigned detention including, but not limited to, after-school detention, lunch detention, weekend detention, etc.
18. Failure to comply with driving and parking regulations. Reckless driving is prohibited (when applicable).
19. Failure to comply with bus regulations.
20. Failure to comply with the school's release time regulations.
21. Possession or use of tobacco in any form; possession, use, or under the influence of alcohol; or possession, use, under the influence, or transmission of any controlled substance or substance represented as a controlled substance, or paraphernalia for the use of such substance.
22. Violating any reasonable condition of probationary enrollment status for which proper notice has been given.
23. Using electronic equipment such as radios, stereo equipment, CD players, digital music players, tape devices, personal digital assistant (PDA), etc. in the school buildings in a manner that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function.
24. Failure to comply with the building's dress code.
25. Failure to bring required materials and equipment to classes and refusal to participate in class activities.
26. Continuously and intentionally making noise or acting in any manner so as to interfere with the ability of any teacher or any other school personnel to conduct the educational function under his/her supervision.
27. Using on school grounds, from the time the student enters the building until dismissal, an electronic paging device or cellular phone.
28. Using electronic equipment or a camera in a manner that is profane, indecent, or obscene, or constitutes an invasion of privacy or an act of academic dishonesty or constitutes an interference with school purpose or an educational function.

29. Violations of the Board of School Trustees' Policy on Acceptable Use of Electronic Information, Services, and Networks (IGBC) regarding appropriate use of school corporation computers and networks.
30. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting a knife, gun, destructive device, or any other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon.
31. Possessing and/or using, on school grounds, without authorization by school officials, matches, cigarette lighters, or any pyrotechnic device, including firecrackers.

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