

HPS Code of Conduct Summary

The [Code of Conduct](#) is based upon the laws, rules, regulations and policies that seek to allow access to education for all while protecting the due process rights of individuals. It is aimed at addressing the causes of misbehavior, resolving conflicts, meeting students' needs, and keeping students in school. Parents/guardians, students and school personnel are expected to abide by these rules and regulations and to cooperate and maintain an environment of mutual respect and safety. The Code of Conduct applies during regular school hours, when students are being transported on a school bus and at such times and places, including but not necessarily limited to, school-sponsored events, field trips, athletic functions, and other activities where school administrators have jurisdiction over students.

Violations to the Code of Conduct and the corresponding disciplinary actions are categorized in 4 groups.

Group 1 Violations (page 21):

- General disruptive conduct
- Assault
- Defiance of school personnel authority
- Leaving school grounds
- Cutting class/out of bounds
- Indecent proposition
- Information others find offensive
- Petty thefts
- Use of provocative language

Group 1 Disciplinary actions for violations (page 22):

- Student interventions/tiered systems of support (Disciplinary responses to violations in the Code of Conduct that do not involve removal from class or suspensions such as mediation, conflict resolution, restorative justice, behavioral contracts and positive behavioral interventions and supports)
- Temporary removal from class (removal of the student from his/her assigned classroom to a comparable educational program within the school building up to ½ day)
- In-house suspension (removal of the student from the regular classroom activities but not the school premises)
- Short-term suspension (removal of a student from the school premises and regular classroom activities)

Group 2 Violations (page 23):

- False accusations
- False fire alarm
- Participation in organizations not sanctioned by the school principal
- Possession of aerosol/chemical weapons
- Possession and/or concealment of a simulated weapon

- Vandalism
- Distribution or sale of non-prescription drugs.

Group 2 Disciplinary actions for violations (page 24):

- Student interventions/tiered systems of support
- Temporary removal from class
- In-house suspension
- Short-term suspension
- Long-term suspension (in cases of egregious violations as determined by the Principal/designee)

Group 3 Violations (page 25):

- Fighting,
- Bullying/cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Sexual harassment
- Violation of Civil Rights
- Hazing
- Battery (non-staff member)
- Extortion
- Robbery
- Grand theft
- Possession, use or distribution of fireworks
- Participation in gang-related activity
- Assault on staff member
- Hate crime
- Possession or concealment of weapons
- Possession, use, sale or distribution of mood modifiers (including alcohol), illegal drugs, prescription drugs and marijuana
- Sexual misconduct

Group 3 Disciplinary actions for violations:

- Student interventions/tiered systems of support,
- Temporary removal from class,
- In-house suspension,
- Short-term suspension and
- Long-term suspension (removal of a student from the school premises and/or regular classroom activities for more than ten (10) cumulative or consecutive days in any school year),
- Disciplinary transfer to an Alternative Placement (Central Office involvement required)
- Expulsion

Group 4 Violations (page 28):

- Causing mayhem
- Battery on a teacher or other school personnel
- Aggravated assault
- Aggravated battery
- Armed robbery
- Arson
- Homicide (murder, manslaughter)
- Kidnapping or abduction
- Making a threat or false report about a destructive device
- Explosive device
- Arson possession, use or sale of any firearm or destructive device
- Sexual battery
- Felony behavior

Group 4 Disciplinary actions for violations (page 30):

- Short term suspension
- Long term suspension
- Indefinite suspension
- Disciplinary transfer to an alternative placement (Central Office involvement required)
- Expulsion (removal of the student from the school premises, regular classroom activities and school activities for more than ninety (90) school days, indefinitely or permanently as permitted under M.G.L. c. 71, §§ 37H and 37H1/2)