

ACTS OF DISOBEDIENCE & MISCONDUCT

Students may be disciplined for the following acts of gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to the following offenses and any additional offenses which the Board of Education may subsequently prohibit through a policy statement. These grounds for disciplinary action apply whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to: on, or within sight of, school grounds before, during or after school hours and at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event or any activity or event which bears a reasonable relationship to school; traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or anywhere, if the conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member or an interference with school purposes or an education function;

1. Disrespect and insubordination, such as verbal or physical threats or abuse or failure to comply with a reasonable request, toward a teacher or other school employee.
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing or selling tobacco materials or electronic cigarettes.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence are not permitted to attend school or school functions.
4. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling:
 - a. Any illegal drug, controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, medical marijuana and hashish).
 - b. Any anabolic steroid or performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association most currently banned substance list, unless administered in accordance with a prescription.
 - c. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a licensed health care provider or when not used in the manner prescribed.
 - d. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system.
 - e. "Look-alike" or counterfeit drugs, including a substance not containing an illegal drug or controlled substance, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug or controlled substance; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug or controlled substance.
 - f. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they have the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.
5. Under limited circumstances, students may use their own electronic devices/ cell phones at school and may use such devices to access the District's electronic network. Belleville Township High School District 201 is not responsible for the information accessed on personal electronic devices and is not responsible for the cost of any data used by a student while at school or for school purposes.

Electronic Signaling Devices (Pagers and Two-Way Radios)

Students may not use or possess electronic signaling (paging) devices or two-way radios on school property at any time, unless the Building Principal specifically grants permission.

Cell Phones and other Electronic Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices may be in the possession of students while on campus and used during the following limited circumstances:

- a. Before school, after school (Prior to 8:25am and after 3:25pm), and during passing periods.
- b. In the cafeteria or designated areas during the student's assigned lunch period.
- c. In a classroom after the student receives specific permission from the teacher.

The possession and use of cellular phones and acceptable electronic devices and accessories are subject to the following rules:

- a. They must be kept out of sight and in an inconspicuous location at all times when a student does not have permission to use them.
- b. They must be turned off during academic periods unless the supervising teacher grants permission for them to be used for educational purposes.
- c. When devices are allowed, it should not be heard at any time and should be in silent mode or on vibrate.
- d. They may not be used in any manner that will cause disruption to the educational environment or will otherwise violate student conduct rules.
- e. They may not be used for creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing indecent visual depictions as defined in State law, (Sending, receiving or possessing sexually explicit or otherwise inappropriate pictures or images, commonly knowing as “sexting.” Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, smartphone or cellular phone.) Possession is prohibited regardless of whether the depiction violates State law.
- f. They may not be used in violation of any State or Federal law.
- g. Students must comply anytime a request is made by school personnel to cease the use of any electronic device.

This Policy specifically prohibits the use of camera cellular phones, personal digital assistants, or any other electronic or photographic device to take, transmit, or record pictures or other images in all restrooms, locker rooms or other locations where students and staff “have a reasonable expectation of privacy.” Taking or transmitting digital images during classroom activities, in the hallways, or in other common areas is also prohibited without the express permission of the classroom teacher or administrator. Students caught improperly using any electronic device to take or transmit digital images will face school discipline, which may include expulsion. Abuse or misuse of these devices, especially camera phones, is strictly prohibited. Using a camera, cell phone, or other device to create video or photographs of any school incident, or potential incident, that results in a disruption, or potential disruption, to the educational environment of the school may result in serious disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook.

Belleville Township High School District 201 assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage to electronic devices.

6. Using any form or type of behavior that does physical or psychological harm to someone else and/or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited behavior includes, without limitation, the use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, bullying or other comparable conduct. This includes the inappropriate use of social media, internet websites, and other electronic communications. Students should report any incident(s) to their assistant/associate principal or counselor immediately. **Electronic Threats to Others, this includes:** making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
7. Fighting with, or any assault of, school personnel or other students. All students, regardless of age, involved in any fight may be charged with violating the city’s disorderly conduct ordinance.
8. Endangering the physical or psychological well-being of school personnel or other students by:
 - a. improper releasing of a school fire alarm or tampering with fire extinguishers
 - b. starting, or attempting to start, a fire on school property
 - c. setting off, or attempting to set off, an explosive device on school property
 - d. using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling explosives, firearms, knives, or any other object that can reasonably be considered, or looks like, a weapon
 - e. making, or attempting to make, a bomb threat
 - f. possessing or using disabling devices such as mace and pepper spray or any toxic chemical which could injure another person is not allowed.
9. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal or possession of stolen, school property or another person’s personal property.

10. Using profanity or obscenity.
11. Forgery, impersonating any adult or parent; theft, destruction, misuse or misdirection of school forms or communications.
12. Truancy, skipping classes, excessive tardiness.
13. Use of racial, ethnic or religious slurs through statements, gestures or the wearing of apparel which conveys any of these.
14. Violation of building use and media center rules.
15. Repeated incidents of misbehavior, including repeated refusal to follow or to comply with school rules and procedures.
16. Failure to comply with parking lot regulations.
17. Failure to comply with bus regulations.
18. Causing or participating in mob action.
19. Actual or attempted extortion.
20. Violation of the school's closed campus rule.
21. Academic cheating.
22. Gambling of any sort.
23. Any activity which relates directly to the school and its purposes that is illegal, disruptive or embarrassing to the school.
24. Any act, on or off campus, which threatens the health or safety of any member of the campus community or which substantially disrupts, or threatens to substantially disrupt, the educational or disciplinary climate of the school.
25. Campus elevator usage is restricted to students with special permission from either the nurse or the administration. Any unauthorized use of the elevators by a student will result in immediate disciplinary action.
26. Inappropriate items brought to school that may detract from the education of the students or others will be confiscated. This may include laser pointers, handheld games, chains, and other items deemed inappropriate by the administration.
27. Sexual conduct at school including but not limited to: sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of sexual nature by anyone.
28. The Board of Education feels that the presence of gangs and gang activities can cause a substantial disruption of or material interferences with school and school activities.
A "gang" as defined in this policy is a group of two or more persons whose purposes include the commission of illegal acts. By this policy, the Board of Education acts to prohibit existence of gangs and gang activities as follows:

No student on or about school property or at any school activity:

1. Shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang.
2. Shall commit any act or omission, or use any speech, either verbal or nonverbal (gestures, hand-shakes, etc.) showing membership or affiliation in a gang.
3. Shall use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity, including but not limited to:
 - a. Soliciting others for membership in any gangs;
 - b. Requesting any person to pay for protection or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person;
 - c. Committing any other illegal act or other violation of School District policies;
 - d. Inciting other students to act with physical violence upon any other person.

SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS

ACADEMIC CHEATING

Cheating is misrepresenting another person's work as your own, compromising the security of the testing in any way, or allowing your work to be used in such a manner. Students are expected to perform their own work. Where assignments require students to gather materials from outside sources, teachers will instruct students of any restrictions regarding the use of other material (plagiarism).

Any situation where a student is found to be cheating will result in no credit for that particular assignment. Cheating incidents may result in a failing grade for the course and possible disciplinary action.

ALCOHOL AND NARCOTICS

The consumption, possession, distribution and/or sale of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, controlled substances, cannabis (including marijuana and hashish), look-alike drugs, herbal supplements, performance enhancing drugs, energy boosters, prescription drugs and similar products and drug paraphernalia are strictly prohibited. A passive alcohol sensor may be used to check for breath alcohol or to detect alcohol in open containers or in closed spaces. The consumption, possession, distribution and/or sale of alcohol and/or narcotics may result in placement in the Family Assistance Program and other serious disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook.

PREVENTING BULLYING, INTIMIDATION, & (SEXUAL) HARASSMENT

Bullying, intimidation, and (sexual) harassment are not acceptable in any form and will not be tolerated at school or any school-related activity, on school property, on school buses and transportation vehicles or through a school computer, network or other school electronic equipment. The school will protect students against retaliation for reporting incidents of bullying, intimidation, or (sexual) harassment, and will take disciplinary action against any student who participates in such conduct.

No person shall harass, intimidate or bully another based upon a perceived race, color, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, gender-related identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, creed, physical or mental disability, gender identity, order of protection status, status as homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy, unfavorable discharge from military service, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristic or any other distinguished characteristic. The school and district will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

Bullying means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of: (1) placing the student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or property; (2) causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health; (3) substantially interferes with the student's academic performance; or (4) substantially interferes with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the school.

Examples of prohibited conduct include, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, bullying through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment, or other comparable conduct.

Students who believe they are victims of bullying, intimidation or harassment or have witnessed such activities are encouraged to discuss the matter with the student nondiscrimination coordinator, building administrator or a complaint manager. Students may choose to report to a person of the student's same sex. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.

Any student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in bullying, intimidation or harassment will be subject to disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook. Parents of students who have engaged in the above behavior will be notified. Any student making a knowingly false accusation regarding harassment may also be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Reporting/Intervention Procedure

1. Report to Counseling Department or Administration
2. Logging of incidents
3. Meeting with involved parties
4. Parent/Guardian contact
5. Interventions (may include referral to proper authorities both in and/or out-of school and/or disciplinary action)

The Student Complaint Process:

1. The assistant/associate principal or principal should follow the Uniform Grievance Procedures.
2. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified that they may attend any investigatory meetings in which their child is involved. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will be kept informed of the investigation's progress.
3. The student's oral or written statements will be kept confidential, except that the superintendent will be kept informed of the investigation's progress. District personnel shall, however, comply with the child abuse reporting laws.

DRESS CODE – 2020-2021

*** Read Carefully – temporary changes made ***

Points of Emphasis

1. *School issued mask and ID's must be properly worn (covering mouth and nose) at all times.*
2. *If a sweater, jacket or sweatshirt is worn open, a dress code appropriate shirt must be worn underneath.*
3. *Belleville East/West Spirit Wear t-shirts that are approved by the building principal may be worn.*
4. *Pants, shorts, skirts, Capri pants must fall at the knee when worn at the waist.*
5. *Shirts may be any solid color as long as logo is smaller than a student ID.**
6. *Pants may be any solid color as long as logo is smaller than a student ID.*(sweatpants, jeans and exercise wear allowed)*

Actual Dress Code

Belleville District 201 encourages a standard in behavior, dress, grooming, and appearance that reflects pride in self, home, and school. This standardized dress policy allows students to focus on their academics rather than on peer pressure related to fads and/ or costly attire. Raising the standard of dress will enhance the school's image within the community and improve school spirit.

In an effort to make students more comfortable at school while exercising precautions during the COVID19 pandemic (masks, social distancing, etc.), the marked changes were made to the dress code for the 2020-2021 school year.

Disciplinary actions will be taken to enforce compliance with this policy. Disciplinary actions range from a reprimand or detention, to an out-of-school suspension. Reasonable accommodations to comply with the dress code (no more than five days) will be given to transfer students registering during the school year.

Color scheme

Pants/Capri Pants, Skirts, Dresses: ANY SOLID COLOR *

Shirts: ANY SOLID COLOR *

A. Pants/Capri Pants

1. Must be a solid color.
2. Must be worn at waist level.
3. When worn at the waist, must fall at the knee
4. Logos on pants may be no larger than a student ID with the exception of Belleville East/ West Spirit Wear *

B. Skirts

1. Must be a solid color.
2. Length must be at the knee
3. No leather or spandex skirts.

4. Slits can't rise above the knee.

C. Shirts (collared shirt, t-shirt, sweater, sweatshirt, and turtleneck)

1. Must be a solid color.
2. If a sweater or jacket is worn open, a dress code appropriate shirt must be worn underneath.
3. Logos on shirts may be no larger than a student ID with the exception of Belleville East/ West Spirit Wear.
4. Belleville East/West Spirit Wear t-shirts that are approved by the building principal. These shirts must have East or West prominently displayed.
5. Students will be allowed to wear school-issued athletic uniforms on select days with prior approval from the administration.
6. School sponsored clubs/activities must adhere to the standardized dress policy.
7. Ties are optional.

D. Belts

1. Belts and suspenders must be properly buckled.

E. Shoes

1. All students will wear shoes or sandals.
2. Socks are optional

F. Additional Requirements

1. See-through apparel will not be worn.
2. No chains will be allowed.
3. Appropriate and necessary undergarments must be worn and not shown.
4. Clothing must cover the upper (cleavage) and the lower (midriff) torso at all times.
5. Students may not wear or carry bandannas.
6. Gang-related apparel is not acceptable.
7. No hats, headgear, or sweatbands on campus at any time. Students may wear dress code compliant hooded sweatshirts; however, the hoods must be down. Exceptions will be announced by the administration due to inclement weather.
8. Dresses must follow the shirt and/or skirt color guidelines.

Students not complying with this policy will be sent home to change clothes and will be unexcused **for** the duration of their absence.

Temporary changes are indicated by an * after the item.

STUDENT ID

All students must wear a lanyard and school ID around their neck and on the outside of their clothing at all times during the day while on school property. The ID must be clearly visible on the front of the student. No decorative stickers or defacing of any type are allowed on the ID's.

Students must wear the ID prior to entering a school bus or, if arriving by automobile, prior to walking on campus property.

Any student who has forgotten his/her ID must report to the bookstore, the class office, or an assistant/associate principal, before 1st hour to get a new ID, or show you have your ID. **Failure to confirm that you have obtained your ID will result in a Saturday Detention.**

If the student resolves the ID problem on his/her own before school starts then no disciplinary penalty is recorded. However, the student will receive an unexcused tardy to class if he arrives late due to needing a new ID. If a referral

is made (i.e., a student is sent to the bookstore to have an ID made because he/she is not wearing one), appropriate discipline will be assigned as outlined below.

***Failure to report to the bookstore after a referral will result in discipline being assigned.**

All replacements will cost the students \$5.00. A lost ID will be counted along with forgotten ones. If the student is late to a class as a result of failing to allow enough time to arrange for securing an ID at the bookstore, the student will be marked tardy. A student may purchase extra ID's and keep them in the bookstore. Any replacement ID that is charged must be paid no later than the first school day of the next week to avoid detention assignment. Any student found wearing an ID which is not his/her own or an ID from a previous school year will be assigned appropriate discipline as provided in this handbook.

CLASS CUTTING (UNEXCUSED ABSENCE)

Daily attendance is a prerequisite to academic success. Students with unexcused absences will receive disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook.

FORGED PASSES AND NOTES

Forging passes or a note in the name of school personnel, parents, and guardians is considered a serious violation of school rules. Students who forge passes and/or notes will receive disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook.

CLASS DISMISSALS

A teacher may temporarily exclude a student from the classroom for violations of school or class rules. Dismissal from class for disobedience, disruptive behavior, or misconduct is a VERY serious matter. Students dismissed from class must report IMMEDIATELY to the appropriate assistant/associate principal with a dismissal form that has been filled out by the teacher.

Each dismissal from class will be independently judged. The nature and severity of the disciplinary measure will be on a case-by-case basis and depend upon the offense and the number of times the student has been dismissed from the class.

SMOKING POLICY

Illinois law prohibits the use of tobacco or electronic cigarettes on school property by school personnel, students, or any other person. There may be no use of tobacco on school grounds at any time. This includes but is not limited to all events or activities or other use of school property that the school board or school officials authorize or permit on school property, including, without limitation, all interscholastic or extracurricular athletic, academic or other events sponsored by the school board or in which pupils or the district participate.

Smoking on campus, in the parking lots or in areas used by the school is prohibited, and student offenders are subject to disciplinary action, including after-school or Saturday detention, as well as suspension. This policy extends to all parking lots, both during the day as well as before and after school, the bushes near buildings, as well as the track area, all restrooms, buses, public areas of buildings (hallways, building entrances, stairwells, foyers, classrooms, etc.), and so on. Being caught in the actual act of smoking, "holding" a cigarette, whether lit or unlit, and whether it is the student's or a friend's, or being with others who are smoking, whether the student is smoking or not, may result in disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook.

TARDINESS

Students must assume responsibility for reporting to class on time. Late entrance to class is a distraction to the educational climate. Thus, in an attempt to help eliminate excessive tardiness to class, students who are late to class may receive disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook.

TRUANCY

Daily attendance is a necessary component for school success. In addition, truancy is forbidden by law (See Attendance Procedures). Thus, the following St Clair Country Truancy Policy will be enforced:

After the third (3rd) day of unexcused absences, a letter will be mailed home stating the days the student has been absent.

After the Sixth (6th) day of unexcused absences, a letter is mailed home stating the time, date, and location of appearance at a local truancy review board meeting to be attended by the student and his/her parent or guardian.

After the ninth (9th) day of unexcused absences, a letter will be sent from the ROE stating the time, date, and location of a Regional Truancy Review Board meeting to be attended by the student and his/her parent or guardian.

Future incidents of truancy may result in a petition filed with the St. Clair County State's Attorney for an adjudicatory hearing.

Students who have unexcused absences may receive disciplinary consequences as provided in this handbook. If the truancy persists, invocation of the State Truancy Law may result according to the discretion of the student's assistant/associate principal.

DISCIPLINE

All discipline is administered on a case-by-case basis. The District does not allow for zero-tolerance discipline except as required by federal law or in the Illinois School Code. School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable. Potential disciplinary measures, include, but are not limited to:

PARENT NOTIFICATION

CONFERENCE WITH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

SEPARATION OF STUDENTS OR REASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO THE OTHER HIGH SCHOOL

CONFISCATION OF CONTRABAND

REPRIMANDS

A reprimand may be issued to a student for various types of misbehavior, including but not limited to, class cutting, smoking, tardiness, and truancy. A letter of reprimand is mailed home as an official notification to the parents that a problem exists. Suspension or detention may occur at the discretion of the assistant/associate principal regarding repeated student misconduct. Alternatives to out-of-school suspension may be detention after school, Saturday Detention, or additional discipline at the discretion of the assistant/associate principal.

SATURDAY/AFTER-SCHOOL/IN-SCHOOL DETENTION

Saturday Detention is offered to students as an alternative to suspension. It is held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and students are required to be on time. Students who violate detention rules or have an unexcused absence will be subject to further disciplinary consequences. Excused absences, when possible, should be arranged in advance. If this is not possible, the appropriate assistant/associate principal should be contacted during the morning of the next school day with a reason for the absence.

After school detention may be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. After school detention may be extended when necessary. Attendance at this detention for one week, with assistant/associate principal approval, substitutes for a day of Saturday Detention. Transportation must be provided by the family.

The In-School Detention program may be assigned to Belleville Township High School students as an alternative to suspension for students who commit infractions as defined by the district disciplinary guidelines.

LUNCH DETENTION

Students assigned to a lunch detention will report to an assigned room in place of attending a study hall and in place of eating lunch in the cafeteria. Students will have time to work on school assignments as well as time to eat a lunch in the detention room. Students will need to bring a lunch or arrange for the ordering of a sack lunch with the Assistant Principal's office.

OFF SITE IN-SCHOOL DETENTION

The St. Clair County Regional Office of Education has opened an off-site ISD. District 201 will utilize seats at this ISD for disciplinary purposes. Students may be assigned days to attend ISD at the Regional Office of Education site at the discretion of the administration. Students attending off-site ISD will need to provide their own transportation. Work from the student's classes will be forwarded to the Regional Office of Education for the student to work on during their day(s) in off-site ISD.

LOSS OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ATTENDANCE PRIVILEGES

Students accumulating multiple detentions may be subject to loss of extra-curricular privileges. This loss may include attendance at events such as sports events, dances, and school performances.

SUSPENSION

A student's suspension may encompass no more than ten consecutive school days.

Assistant/associate principals and the principal hold the authority to suspend. The administrator will attempt to notify the parents by telephone as soon as possible. Further, the school will send parents a suspension letter which includes the reason for the suspension and the proper steps to take should the parents wish to appeal the decision.

MAKE-UP WORK DURING DISCIPLINARY ASSIGNMENTS

Being suspended from school is a serious matter. Students should always get their assignments and keep up with their work during any absence, including suspensions.

Since suspension is from all school activities, not just classes, it prohibits a student from participation/practice/attendance at all school events.

Students are expected to make up work following his/her suspension, and must meet the following guidelines.

1. All work to be made up must be completed within a time period not to exceed the length of the suspension or five school days, whichever is shorter.
2. Students should expect to be required to take missed tests and quizzes on other than class time (before school, after school, during tutoring, or during the study halls, for example).
3. Make up assignments may or may not be the same as was completed in class, but will be offered equivalent academic credit.

RE-ENGAGEMENT OF RETURNING STUDENTS

Upon the student's return from an alternative school setting, out-of-school suspension, or expulsion, the principal or designee shall meet with the student. The purpose of the meeting is to support the student following a period of exclusion.

EXPULSION

The enrollment in, and continued attendance in, public school is a right contingent upon compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois and the rules and regulations of Belleville Township High School District 201. A student may be recommended for expulsion for gross disobedience or misconduct.

An expulsion may remove a student from classes for up to two calendar years. Only the Board of Education can expel a student, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, after providing that student with an impartial hearing conducted before the Board of Education or a Board appointed hearing officer. The length of the expulsion will be determined by the Board of Education, but no expulsion may exceed two school years in duration.

DISTRICT 201 ALTERNATIVE DAY PROGRAM

Belleville Township High School District 201 Alternative Day Program is an educational program designed to address the physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs of at-risk students in order to successfully transition back to Belleville East or West High School. Classes for the Alternative Day Program are held on the Belleville East Campus.

Placement is recommended by the Belleville East or Belleville West administration. A student's placement process includes anticipated outcomes, evaluation components, anticipated length of placement, and transition plans for

going to the Alternative Day Program and back to Belleville East or West. This program may be used as a disciplinary alternative.

Since the Alternative Day Program is an extension of Belleville East and West High School, all behavioral rules and expectations of East and West apply to the Alternative Day Program. Students in the Alternative Day Program will receive a student handbook specific to that program.

APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

The following procedures will be followed when a student is suspended:

1. Before he or she is suspended, they will be provided with a conference during which the charges will be explained and the student will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges and to provide their version of the events leading to the suspension.
2. If the student's presence poses a continuing danger to others, to property, or a threat of disruption to the educational process, the student may be suspended without the pre-suspension conference. The notice and conference will follow as soon as practicable.
3. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified by phone as soon as possible after a suspension is assigned.
4. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified by mail following the assignment of the suspension. The letter will contain the reason(s) for the suspension, and the right to appeal the suspension to the principal.
5. A student or parent/guardian may appeal a suspension assigned by an Assistant Principal to the Principal. Failure to request a review within five (5) days after receipt of the mailed notice, or eight (8) days after the date of the mailing, whichever date is earlier, shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a review.
6. A parent/guardian may appeal the decision of the Principal to the Board of Education or a hearing officer appointed by the Board.
7. If an appeal brings the reversal of a suspension, all references to the suspension in the student's records will be removed, and the school will assist the student in making up work missed as the result of the suspension.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

In order to maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities are authorized to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects. "School authorities" includes school liaison police officers.

SCHOOL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS PERSONAL EFFECTS LEFT THERE BY STUDENTS

School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school (such as, lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effects left there by a student, without notice to or the consent of the student. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places or areas or in their personal effects left there. This paragraph applies to student vehicles parked on school property. In addition, Building Principals shall require each high school student, in return for the privilege of parking on school property, to consent in writing to school searches of his or her vehicle, and personal effects therein, without notice and without suspicion of wrongdoing.

The Superintendent may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs.

STUDENTS

School authorities may search a student and/or the student's personal effects in the student's possession (such as, purses, wallets, knapsacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.) when there is a reasonable ground for suspecting that the search will produce evidence the particular student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's student conduct rules. The search itself must be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objective and not excessively intrusive in light of the student's age and sex, and the nature of the infraction.

When feasible, the search should be conducted as follows:

1. Outside the view of others, including students,
2. In the presence of a school administrator or adult witness, and
3. By a certificated employee or liaison police officer of the same sex as the student.

Immediately following a search, a written report shall be made by the school authority who conducted the search, and given to the Superintendent.

SEIZURE OF PROPERTY

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating the law or the District's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT ACCOUNTS OR PROFILES ON SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and their parents/guardians of each of the following in accordance with the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act, 105 ILCS 75/:

1. School officials may not request or require a student or his or her parent/guardian to provide a password or other related account information to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website.
2. School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.