

# RULES OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE IN THE POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT • 15250 Avenue of Science • San Diego, CA 92128

Students of the Poway Unified School District will be disciplined in accordance with Statutes of the State of California. A student will be subject to disciplinary action for designated acts if the acts are related to school activity or attendance and which occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- *The student is on school grounds.*
- *The student is going to or coming from school.*
- *The student is on breaks or lunch periods whether on or off campus.*
- *The student is going to, coming from, or attending a school or District-sponsored activity.*

**Grades 6 - 12**

**The prohibited acts are:**

1. Causing, attempting to cause, threatening to cause, or assisting in the cause or threat of physical injury to another person; including, but not limited to fighting, assault or battery;
2. Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing to others any firearm, any knife, explosive, or other dangerous objects such as, but not limited to, brass knuckles, razor blades, any pellet or pellet-type guns, paintball guns, lasers, pepper spray or instruments expelling projectiles;
3. Possessing, using, having consumed, or being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, unauthorized prescription medications (e.g., Soma, OxyContin, Ritalin, etc.), synthetic drugs (e.g. spice, K2, bath salts, etc.), or other controlled substances or intoxicants of any kind; (including over-the-counter medications which create an intoxicating effect);
4. Transferring, selling, distributing, offering, arranging, or negotiating to sell, substances which are, or are purported to be, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, unauthorized prescription medications (e.g., Soma, OxyContin, Ritalin, etc.), synthetic drugs (e.g. spice, K2, bath salts, etc.), other controlled substances, (i.e., marijuana, crystal methamphetamine, or anabolic steroids) or intoxicants of any kind; (including over-the-counter medications which create an intoxicating effect);
5. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion;
6. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school or private property;
7. Committing or attempting to commit theft of school or private property;
8. Possessing or using tobacco or any products containing tobacco or nicotine on school premises; including nicotine delivery devices and other vapor emitting electronic devices i.e., electronic hookahs or electronic cigarettes, with or without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products.
9. Commission of obscene act or engaging in habitual profanity or vulgarity;
10. Unlawfully possessing, offering, arranging, or negotiating to sell any drug paraphernalia as defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code;
11. Disruption of school activities or willful defiance of school authority, including violations of academic honesty;
12. Knowingly receiving stolen school or private property;
13. Possessing an imitation firearm;
14. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or sexual battery;
15. Threatening or intimidating a witness or a complaining witness in a school disciplinary proceeding;
16. Sexual harassment (Grades 4-12);
17. Hate behavior/Violence (Grades 4-12);
18. Violating technology-use policies, inappropriate use of technology, or inappropriate use of electronic signaling devices (e.g., cell phones, text messaging, cameras, pagers, laser pointers, computers);
19. Causing or attempting to cause an assault or battery, intimidation, harassment, or threats on any school employee or school property;
20. Causing or attempting to cause acts of intimidation, harassment, or hazing on any student (e.g., initiations into clubs, sport teams, or student body associations);
21. Terroristic threats against school officials, school property, or both;
22. Engaging in bullying, including but not limited to, an electronic act against another pupil or school personnel or impersonating another person or a posting on a social network internet website.
23. Violating individual school rules, or violating bus rules.

Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, advice and counsel, warnings, campus work details, detention, In-School Suspension (ISS), Saturday School, bus suspension, home suspension, behavior or rehabilitation contracts, transfer to another school/program, and/or expulsion from PUSD. A school may impose other means of correction and place documentation of these in the student’s record.

**GROUNDINGS FOR SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION**

The Board of Education authorizes the school principal to suspend or to recommend to the Board for consideration of expulsion any student who violates the Rules of Student Discipline. Restitution may also be required in cases of damage or destruction of property. At any time, if the principal determines that the student’s presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process, the student may be suspended and/or expelled.

**DISCIPLINE FOR THE USE OF ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Board Policy defines specific disciplinary action for the use of alcohol/controlled substances. Compliance with these standards/prohibitions is mandatory.

PROHIBITED ACTS	DISCIPLINARY ACTION 6-12	
1. Unlawfully possessing, using, having consumed or being under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, unauthorized prescription medications (e.g., OxyContin, Soma, Ritalin, etc.), other controlled substances, synthetic drugs (e.g., spice, K2, bath salts, etc.), or intoxicants of any kind (including over-the-counter medications which create an intoxicating effect).	<b>First Offense</b> Suspend and recommend expulsion or suspend and transfer to another middle school or high school, or the continuation high school, for the remainder of the semester* and the following semester*. Contact law enforcement. Initiate an intervention contract.	<b>Second Offense</b> Suspend and recommend for expulsion.
2. Unlawfully possessing, offering, arranging, or negotiating to sell any drug paraphernalia as defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.	Suspend or suspend and transfer to another middle school or high school, or the continuation high school, for the remainder of the semester/term and the following semester/term. Initiate an intervention contract.	Suspend and recommend for expulsion.
3. Transferring, selling, distributing, offering, arranging, or negotiating to sell, substances which are, or are purported to be alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, unauthorized prescription medications (e.g., OxyContin, Soma, Ritalin, etc.), other controlled substances, synthetic drugs (e.g., spice, K-2, bath salts, etc.), or intoxicants of any kind (including over-the-counter medications which create an intoxicating effect).	Suspend and recommend for expulsion. Contact law enforcement.  *Semester means two divisions of the academic school year, usually from Aug. to mid January, and from mid January to June, with 90 school days per semester.	Suspend and recommend for expulsion.

- To enforce its policy of intolerance for drugs and other dangerous substances, the District may use specially trained nonaggressive dogs to alert staff to the presence of substances prohibited by law or District policy. The dogs will inspect inanimate objects only.
- Alcohol detection devices may also be utilized as part of an investigation or as a condition of participation in designated extra-curricular events.
- Students, lockers, and vehicles are subject to search when reasonable suspicion exists.

These rules of student discipline are subject to modification without notice due to State of California legislative action during the school year. Any additional discipline rules for your student’s time are available in the principal’s office.

The Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is an equal opportunity employer/program and is committed to an active Nondiscrimination Program. PUSD prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived ancestry, age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. For more information, please contact the Title IX/Equity Compliance Officer, Associate Superintendent of Personnel Support Services, Poway Unified School District, 15250 Avenue of Science, San Diego, CA 92128-3406, 858-521-2800, extension 2761.