

Northwestern High School Code of Student Conduct (Administrative Procedure 10101)

The official PGCPS Student Code of Conduct may be viewed at <http://www.pgcps.org/~procedur/10000/10101.pdf.pdf>

General Considerations Leading to Disciplinary Action

The Prince George 's County Board of Education recognizes that there are instances in which formal disciplinary action must be used. Discipline should be corrective and instructive and designed to foster growth and understanding in our students.

There are four levels of misbehavior which may result in a disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion.

Level I offenses are violations of general classroom and bus rules.

These offenses generally occur in the classroom or on the bus and can be corrected by the teacher or bus driver. Examples include: academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, classroom disruption, disorderly conduct, failure to come to class prepared, failure to wear identification badge, internet/computer misuse, public display of affection, unexcused tardiness.

Level II offenses are behaviors requiring administrative intervention.

These offenses are more serious or continued serious Level I offenses. Examples include: bias harassment, class cutting/truancy, defamation, disruptive speech, dress code violation, forgery, harassment, indecent exposure, insubordination, loitering, sexual harassment, theft (below \$100), threat to person/property, unauthorized departure from school, unauthorized sale or distribution of printed material, unauthorized use of portable communication devices or electronic devices, vandalism (below \$100).

Level III offenses are behaviors for which a student may be suspended and/or removed to a disciplinary alternative education program.

Examples include: serious or repeated Level I or Level II offenses, assault, bullying, contaminating food, disrespect, fighting, forgery, gambling, group fight, hazing, inciting others to violence or disruption, possession or use of fireworks, reckless endangerment, repeatedly disruptive conduct, theft (more than \$100), threat to PGCPS employee, unauthorized use or distribution of over-the-counter medications, trespassing, vandalism/destruction of property (between \$100 and \$500). **Each infraction carries with it a suggested minimum/maximum number of days of suspension.**

Level IV offenses are behaviors requiring expulsion and/or removal to a disciplinary alternative education program.

Examples include: serious or repeated Level I, Level II, or Level III offenses, acts of gross misconduct at other schools, arson, assault with serious injury, biohazard, bomb threat, false alarm, group fight which has been planned and causes much disruption to the school day, or results in significant injury, other acts, physical attack on a PGCPs employee, possession, use or distribution of alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs, controlled dangerous substances inhalants, other intoxicants, controlled or drug paraphernalia, possession or use of weapons or instruments used as such, shakedown/strong arm/extortion, vandalism/destruction of property above \$500.

Definitions for all offenses may be found in the Administrative Procedure 10101-Code of Student Conduct, along with other referenced administrative procedures online at: www.pgcps.org/~procedur .

Disciplinary Actions

Detention: Any member of the faculty and/or administrative team may keep students after school for detention. This is for those students with academic problems as well as those with undesirable patterns of behavior. Students will be given 24-hour prior notice of a detention.

Behavioral Probation: Any student who has been involved in misconduct may be placed on behavioral probation by the school principal or his/her designee in addition to or in lieu of suspension.

Short-Term Suspension: A short-term suspension is a denial to a student of the right to attend school and to take part in any school function for any period of time up to and including ten (10) days.

Long-Term Suspension: A long-term suspension is a denial to a student of the right to attend school and to take part in any school function for any period of time in excess of ten (10) days, but not to exceed the length of two semesters.

Expulsion: An expulsion from school is a denial to a student of the right to attend school and to take part in or attend any school function for a period up to one (1) school year.

In accordance with the Code of Student Conduct, parents are to be notified of disciplinary actions, and they have a right to appeal any decision.

Students are entitled to receive make-up work while on suspension unless other educational options are provided. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility, however, to make arrangements for the receipt and return of all assignments.

When a student is on a short/long-term suspension or on expulsion, he/she is not permitted to attend school functions or to be on any Prince George 's County school property.

Prince George's County System-Wide Dress Code for Students Public Schools

See Also: [Northwestern High School 2005-2006 Mandatory Dress Code](#)

Head

- Headdresses can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons only.

Shirts and Blouses

- Shirts and blouses should be continuous from neckline to waist. The entire mid-section should not show. No tank tops and muscle shirts.
- No clothing with vulgar language, obscene pictures, weapons, drugs/alcohol or drug paraphernalia and tobacco products.
- No identifiable gang/crew clothing or paraphernalia.
- No see-through clothing.

Skirts, Dresses and Shorts

Skirts, dresses, and shorts should be no shorter than six (6) inches below the buttocks, or no shorter than fingertip level.

Pants

- Pants should be secured at waist-no sagging below waist to expose undergarments.
- Tights, stretch pants, leggings and spandex body suits must be worn with clothing long enough to cover buttocks.
- **Bed clothing may not be worn to school.**
- **Boxer shorts may not be worn as outer garments.**

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Slippers may not be worn to school.