

# **STUDENT CONDUCT CODE**

*MARYSVILLE JOINT UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT*

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## **PHILOSOPHY**

It is the intent of the Marysville Joint Unified School District ("District") to provide all students with a learning environment in which optimum learning can take place. Students are a key part of that environment. Those who obey rules, respect others and take responsibility for their actions assist the District in establishing a secure climate so that all students may learn.

The District believes it is essential that public schools prepare youth for productive and effective citizenship by helping each student respect law and order, and assume his/her responsibilities as a citizen. Each student should learn that he/she has freedom of choice and action, so long as that action does not infringe on the rights of others.

This District-wide Student Conduct Code is to be read in conjunction with school rules. Its purpose is to inform students and parents about unacceptable behaviors and the consequences for those behaviors. The District asks that parents recognize the importance of school regulations and assist the District in their enforcement. By becoming familiar with this Conduct Code, students may also learn to make intelligent choices. Students who engage in violations of the Student Conduct Code will be subject to the appropriate consequences.

### **I. RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS**

#### **A. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS**

Students are required by law to attend school from the age of six to eighteen. Daily school attendance is required unless the student is sick or legally excused. Students are also required to participate actively in the educational process. Students must comply with all school rules, pursue their required course of study, and submit to the authority of teachers of the school. Perhaps most importantly, students are expected to take primary responsibility for their own behavior. [Education Code §35181; Education Code §48908; Title 5, California Code of Regulations §300]

#### **B. DISTRICT STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

To maintain and encourage acceptable standards of student behavior, District personnel should provide good examples for students in real life. District personnel shall:

- Establish an atmosphere in which productive learning can take place.
- Establish an atmosphere of mutual respect.
- Teach the District standards of behavior.
- Identify the causes of student misconduct.

- Find constructive methods of preventing and controlling such misconduct
- Consistently and fairly apply classroom, school and District rules.
- Communicate regularly with students and parents regarding the student's academic progress and behavior.

[Title 5, California Code of Regulations §5530; Education Code §44807]

### **C. PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Parents are responsible for sending the student to school daily and ensuring that he/she arrives on time. Additional responsibilities include:

- Acknowledge/accept that the school and the Board of Education have the right and the responsibility to maintain standards for all students.
- Cooperate with school staff in helping students with academic, discipline or attendance problems.
- Instill in the student an attitude that school is important.

### **D. STUDENT SEARCHES**

School officials may conduct searches of pupils and their personal belongings while on school property or at school-sponsored events. Searches of pupils and personal belongings will be conducted when there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the search will provide evidence that the pupil is violating the law and/or school regulations. The scope of the search will be related to the objectives of the search, the age and sex of the pupil, and the nature of the violation. [Board Policy & AR 5145.12]

By way of example, and not limitation, "personal belongings" includes: backpacks, brief cases, bags, et cetera. Searches are also conducted of school property under joint control. "School property" under joint control includes lockers and desks.

Lockers are school property under the joint control of the school and the pupil. There is no expectation of privacy. The District may search lockers, or any other school property under joint control, at any time. Searches may be random and without cause of any kind.

Automobiles parked on the school premises or in the school parking lot are subject to search when officials have reason to believe weapons, drugs, or objects prohibited by school policy or state law are contained therein.

Canines may be used to search a pupil's personal belongings and vehicles and school property under joint control. Canine searches will be used to search a pupil's person when either (1) there are reasonable grounds to suspect a particular pupil of wrongdoing; or (2) the District determines that the school has a drug crisis or problem.

#### **E. MEDICATIONS**

The District recognizes that certain pupils may require medication (prescription or non-prescription) during the school day in order to attend school without jeopardizing their health. When such medication is required, designated school personnel must assist the pupil in administering the requisite medication. This also applies to the administration of tests or procedures for medical reasons. (Example: diabetes testing for blood sugar level.)

A pupil who brings medication (prescription or non-prescription) on school grounds and either (1) gives or sells the medication to other pupils; or (2) self-administers a medication without the District's assistance, may be subject to discipline. [Education Code §§49423 and 49423.5]

#### **F. DUE PROCESS AND THE RIGHT TO APPEAL**

No student will be suspended or expelled without due process. As an added safeguard, a student and his/her parent/guardian has the right to request an appeal regarding the discipline imposed. Board Policy 5144 and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 set forth a complete explanation of the procedures for suspension, expulsion and appeals.

### **II. CONDUCT CODE VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES**

#### **A. DEFINITION OF STUDENT MISCONDUCT**

A student may be disciplined, to include suspension and/or expulsion, for any of the reasons set forth in the California Education Code. At the current time, this includes the categories of behavior set forth in Education Code §48900 and 48915, plus those described in 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4 and 48900.7. To assist students in modeling appropriate behavior, District staff has prepared this Student Conduct Code which lists various types of inappropriate behavior. It is not, however, the intent of the District that the Student Conduct Code define in detail every possible situation which may warrant disciplinary action nor to list every possible consequence. The District will proceed with disciplinary action permitted by law for misconduct even if it is not specifically listed in this Student Conduct Code.



## **B. "RELATED TO SCHOOL ACTIVITY OR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE"**

A student will not be disciplined unless their conduct is related to school activity or school attendance. Conduct related to school activity or attendance may occur at any time and include, by way of illustration and not limitation:

- While on school grounds.
- While going to or coming from school.
- During the lunch period, whether on or off the campus, or while going to or coming from an off-campus lunch site.
- During, or while going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity.

Pursuant to the above definition, the district will impose discipline for prohibited conduct which occurs on any school or District grounds or facilities regardless of when the conduct occurs. *The District will impose discipline for such conduct even where it occurs outside of school hours and/or outside of school-sponsored activities.*

## **C. TYPICAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Students of the District are required to follow and comply with school and District conduct rules. If a student chooses to break the rules, he/she will be subject to various consequences.

A list of typical disciplinary actions which may result from a student's breach of school regulations is listed below. The actual action taken by the District may vary from the list below and the level of discipline imposed will depend on the frequency and seriousness of the violation.

### **1. Parent Conference**

A parent/teacher/principal conference may be required to discuss the student's behavior and/or to reach an agreement on the student's behavior.

### **2. Detention**

A student may be assigned to a supervised area for a specific period of time before or after school or on a Saturday.

- 3. Referral to Counseling**  
A student may be referred to counseling services to discuss problems. Any fees for counseling services will be the parent/guardian's responsibility.
- 4. Loss of Privileges**  
A student's participation in school activities such as games, dances, field trips, etcetera may be limited.
- 5. Weekend School**  
A student may be required to attend class on a Friday night or Saturday for repeated unexcused absences from class(es) or for other infractions.
- 6. Community Service on School Grounds**  
A student may be required to perform community service on school grounds during non-school hours. This may include outdoor beautification, campus betterment and teacher or peer assistance programs.
- 7. Behavior Contract**  
The District may enter into an agreement with the student wherein he/she agrees to comply with the conditions contained in the contract, and the school rules. The student agrees to refrain from committing the same violation and/or breaking other school regulations. This contract may be in addition to a suspension and/or expulsion and/or in lieu of such actions.
- 8. In-School Suspension**  
A student may be assigned to a supervised suspension classroom separated from other students at the school site for the period of the suspension.
- 9. At-Home Suspension**  
A student may be suspended from attending regular classes and prohibited from attending school, participating in school activities, and being on school grounds for a period of time.
- 10. Expulsion**  
A student may be expelled from all schools in the District and removed from the immediate supervision and control of school personnel. The student would be prohibited from being on school grounds. The Board of Education has the authority to expel students for serious and/or repeated offenses. Typically, student expulsions are a last resort after other actions have been tried. In certain situations, however, expulsion is appropriate, or may be required by law, on the first offense.

A student on a suspended expulsion may not be allowed to participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities. The activities include, but are not limited to, field trips, athletic events, theater events, proms, student dances, student government, graduation ceremonies, band events or similar activities.

**11. Administrative Transfer to another Comprehensive School Site**

Upon approval by the principals of the sending site and the proposed receiving site, a student may be administratively transferred to another comprehensive school site and directed to successfully complete a District approved rehabilitation plan.

**12. Notice to Law Enforcement Authorities**

The District may notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities for various student violations of school rules and state law. For certain violations, the District is required by law to notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**III. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. MORE THAN ONE CONSEQUENCE**

Depending on the nature of the offense, the site administrator will determine whether the consequences should include more than one form of discipline. Typical consequences which are determined and combined by a site administrator include home suspension, in-school suspension, Saturday school, and intervention group, and detention, administrative transfer to another comprehensive school site, community service or counseling.

**B. RELATED TO SUSPENSION**

**1. First Offense Suspensions**

For some infractions, the student may be suspended on the first offense if it is determined that the student's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process. [Education Code §48900.5]

**2. Gang Related**

Gang-related offenses are generally of the nature where the student's presence does pose a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process. In such cases, the student may be suspended or recommended for expulsion.

**3. Violation of Suspension Rules**

Violation of suspension rules may result in a minimum consequence of a warning and a maximum consequence of a referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency

**C. DURING SUSPENSION**

**1. Parental Supervision**

Students on home suspension are expected to be under the supervision of a parent/guardian during school hours. (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

**2. Stay Off School Grounds**

Students on home suspension must stay off any school campus unless a prior arrangement has been made with a school administrator to come to the office on official business with the student's parent/guardian.

**3. No School-Sponsored Activities**

Students on suspension may not attend any school-sponsored activity (whether on or off *any* school campus - including weekends and holidays). This includes, by way of illustration and not limitation, graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletic events, proms, dances, athletic activities, latch key and after-school recreation.

**4. Make-Up Work**

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence or suspension *shall* be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests *shall* be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)

**D. PAYMENT FOR DAMAGES**

If a student's misconduct results in damage or injury to school property, or the personal property of any District employee, the student's parent/guardian is liable for all damages caused by the student.

If the student's parent/guardian is unable to pay for the damages, the District may provide a program of voluntary work for the minor in lieu of payment of monetary damages.

The parent/guardian is responsible for the amount of any reward not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) paid for information leading to the apprehension of the person causing the damage. [Education Code §§48904 and 48905]

#### **E. CONFISCATED PROPERTY**

Any confiscated material (e.g., radios, skateboards, or tobacco) will be returned to the parents and not the student. *The District is not responsible for loss of or damage to confiscated materials.*

Guns, knives, controlled substances and drug paraphernalia will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

#### **F. PROPERTY TURNED IN BY THE STUDENT**

If a student finds that he/she has inadvertently brought a dangerous object to school, and he/she immediately turns the object over to a teacher, administrator or other school staff member, the consequences shall be waived.

### **IV. LEVEL ONE OFFENSES**

#### **A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. A student who violates an offense listed in this category (Permissive Education Codes) is subject to discipline.
2. A student who engages in such misconduct may be suspended on the first offense if it is determined that the student's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process. [Education Code §48900.5]
3. A student may also be recommended for expulsion for such misconduct, on a first offense, if it is determined that:
  - other means of correction have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct;
  - other means of correction are not feasible; or
  - due to the nature of the violation, the student's presence causes a continuing danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process.
4. This Student Conduct Code describes, in general terms, the minimum and maximum consequences. The examples provided are intended as a guide, not as a comprehensive listing of all possible consequences. The circumstances

surrounding the violation, and the seriousness of the violation, may warrant suspension, extended suspension and recommendation for expulsion upon a first offense.

**Damage to School/Property: 48900 (f)** Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property.

*This includes cutting, defacing, misusing or injuring any school district property, or the malicious injury or destruction of any other person's property [Penal Code 594]*

**Stole School/Private Property: 48900 (g)** Stolen or attempted to steal school property or private property.

**Tobacco or Nicotine Products: 48900 (h)** Possessed or used tobacco, or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets

*Students shall not smoke or use tobacco, or any product containing tobacco or nicotine, while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees. Students' possession or use of nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes, is also prohibited. (Education Code 48901)*

**Obscene Act of Habitual Profanity: 48900 (i)** Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity

**Disruption of School Activities or Defiance of School Personnel: 48900 (k)** Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. *(Any pupil enrolled in grades K-3, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts enumerated in this subdivision, and this subdivision shall not constitute grounds for a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to be recommended for expulsion).*

Disciplinary action will be taken if a student's behavior is disruptive to the instructional process or if a student is willfully defiant. Examples include:

- *Refusing to comply with the reasonable request of school personnel*
- *Forged, falsified, altered or used forged school correspondence, passes or readmission slips*
- *Failed to identify oneself or give false information to school personnel*
- *Cheating*
- *Leaving campus without proper authorization*
- *Gambled*
- *Interfering with the peaceful conduct of the campus or classroom.*
- *Loitering on or about campus without an apparent and lawful purpose (A student may be subject to arrest according to Penal Code 653(g) if he/she loiters at or near any school or public place at or near where students attend or normally*

*congregate, or reenters or comes upon such school or place after being asked to leave by a school official.*

- ***Exhibits any dress, grooming or appearance which disrupts or tends to disrupt the educational process or affects the health and safety of individuals. (Any attire, paraphernalia or symbol that displays a logo or other message relating to alcohol, tobacco, drugs or gangs may not be worn or permitted on campus or at any school-related activities. Body tattoos relating to alcohol, tobacco, drugs or gang must be covered by clothes, bandages, or otherwise, while on school property or at school events).***
- ***Possessed disruptive items (These include items such as radios, MP3 players,, skateboards or any other items on school grounds is not permitted on school grounds or during instructional time).***
- ***Possessed or used any electronic signaling device (Using a cell phone during class time, AR 5131.***
- ***Demonstrating unsafe riding, driving practices with bicycle or vehicle***

**Received Stolen School/ Private Property: 48900 (l)** Knowingly received stolen school property or private property

**Hazing: 48900(q)** Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing as defined in Section 32050

**Bullying: 48900(r)** Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to bullying committed by means of an electronic act directly specifically toward a pupil or school personnel.

*Any severe or persuasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, as defined, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threats, or intimidation, that has the effect or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable pupil, as defined, in fear of harm to that pupil's or those pupils', person or property, causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical mental health.*

**Aids or Abets: 48900(t)** A pupil who aids or abets, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may suffer suspension, but not expulsion, pursuant to this section

**Community Service on School Grounds: 48900.6** The principal or designee may require a pupil to perform community service on school grounds

## V. LEVEL TWO OFFENSES

### A. GENERAL PROVISIONS/HOME SUSPENSION IS MANDATORY

1. A student who engages in Level Two offenses as set forth in this category is subject to mandatory suspension. Depending on the circumstances surrounding the violation and the violation itself, however, the student may not only be suspended but may also have his/her suspension extended and be recommended for expulsion upon a first offense.
2. A student may be recommended for expulsion for such misconduct, if it is determined that:
  - other means of correction have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct;
  - other means of correction are not feasible; or
  - due to the nature of the violation, the student's presence causes a continuing danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process.

**Physical Injury to Another: 48900 (a)(1)** Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person

**Force or Violence Upon Another: 48900 (a)(2)** Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense

**Dangerous Object: 48900 (b)** Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife explosive, or other dangerous object

**Controlled Substance: 48900 (c)** Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcohol beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind

- *Sale of a controlled substance at school or at a school activity off school grounds is a **LEVEL 4 offense**.*
- *Possessed, used at school or furnished a controlled substance of any kind at school or at a school activity off school grounds is a **LEVEL 3 offense**.*

**Drugs/Alcohol: 48900(d)** Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance or material and represented the liquid, substance or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant



**Robbery or Extortion: 48900(e)** Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion

**Drug Paraphernalia: 48900 (j)** Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia

**Imitation Firearm: 48900 (m)** Possessed an imitation firearm.....”imitation firearm means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead to reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm

*An “imitation firearm” means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in appearance to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.*

**Sexual Assault: 48900 (n)** Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault

**School Discipline Witness: 48900 (o)** Harassed, threatened or intimidated a pupil who is complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness or both

**Soma (prescription drug): 48900 (p)** Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug, Soma

**Aids or Abets Physical Violence: 48900(t)** A pupil who aids or abets, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person. **(Per Education Code, expulsion may not be imposed unless the student is adjudged guilty in juvenile court)**

**Sexual Harassment: 48900.2** Harassment must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual’s academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment

*Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by someone from or in the education setting under any of the following conditions:*

- *Submission to the conduct is made a term or condition of a person’s academic status or progress;*
- *Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the person is used as a basis of an academic decision affecting the person;*
- *The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact on the person’s academic performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment;*
- *Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the person is used as the basis for any decision affecting the person regarding honors, programs or activities available at or through the school district. (The section applies only to students in grades 4 through 12)*

**Hate Violence: 48900.3** Pupil has caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence as described in Section 233

*No person shall by force or threat of force, willfully injure, intimidate, interfere with, oppress, or threaten any other person, or knowingly deface, damage or destroy the real or personal property of any other person for the purpose of intimidating or interfering with the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to the other person by the Constitution or laws of this state or the U.S. Constitution because of the other person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation, or because he/she perceives that the other person has one or more of those characteristics. (This section applies to only students in grades 4 through 12)*

**Harassment: 48900.4** Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils

*Applies to only students in grades 4 through 12)*

**Community Service on School Grounds: 48900.6** The principal or designee may require a pupil to perform community service on school grounds

**Terrorist Threats against school employees, school officials, organizations and/or school property: 48900.7** Any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of \$1,000 with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out

*A terroristic threat is one which is made with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is not intent of actually carrying out the threat; and Is made under circumstances which would cause a reasonable person to believe that execution of the threat is imminent;*

*Causes the person threatened to reasonably fear for his/her own safety/personal property, or his/her immediate family's safety/personal property, or for the protection of school district property.*

## VI. LEVEL THREE OFFENSES

### A. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION IS MANDATORY

A principal or the superintendent shall recommend expulsion for each of the offenses listed below unless the principal or superintendent finds that expulsion is inappropriate due to the particular circumstances. This finding must be included in the report of the incident.

Level Three Offenses must be *committed at school or at a school activity off school grounds.*

A decision to expel by the Board shall be based on a finding of one or both of the following:

- Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.
- Due to the nature of the act, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others.

**Serious Physical Injury: 48915 (a)(1)(A)** Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.

*Serious physical injury means a serious impairment of physical condition including, but not limited to, the following: loss of consciousness; concussion, bone fracture; protracted loss or impairment of function of any bodily member or organ; a wound requiring extensive suturing, and serious disfigurement. [Penal Code 243]*

**Knife, Explosive or Dangerous Object: 48915 (a)(1)(B)** Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil. (g) As used in this section, “Knife” means

*A “knife” means any dirk, dagger, or other weapon with a fixed or sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade longer than 3 ½ inches, a folding knife with a blade that locks into place, or a razor with an unguarded blade.*

**Controlled Substance: 48915 (a)(1)(C)** Unlawful possession of any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2, except for the first offense for the possession of not more than one avoirdupois ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis.

**Robbery or Extortion: 48915 (a)(1)(D)** Robbery or extortion

*Extortion is the obtaining of property from another, with his consent, or the obtaining of an official act of a public officer, induced by wrongful use of force or fear, or under color of official light. [Penal Code 518]*

*Fear that will constitute extortion may be induced by a threat either: 1) to do an unlawful injury to the person or property of the individual threatened or of a third person; or 2) to accuse the individual threatened, or any relative of his, or member of his family, or any crime; or 3) to expose, or to impute to him or them any deformity, disgrace or crime; or 4) to expose any secret affecting him or them.*

**Assault or Battery: 48915(a)(5)(E)** Assault or battery upon any school employee

*A willfully and unlawful use of force or violence upon another and where the victim is a school employee.*

## VII. LEVEL FOUR OFFENSES

### A. EXPULSION IS MANDATORY (ZERO TOLERANCE)

A Level Four Offense must be *committed at school or at a school activity off school grounds.*

On a **first offense**, five-day suspension, recommendation for expulsion, and notification to law enforcement agency.

The principal or superintendent must immediately suspend and must recommend expulsion. They do not have the ability to consider extenuating circumstances. The Board of Education must expel the pupil if the offense is proven.

**Firearm: 48915 (c)(1)** Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm

*Possession must be verified by a school employee. Expulsion will not occur if the student possessed the firearm with prior written approval of a certificated school employee which has been concurred in by the principal.*

**Knife: 48915 (c)(2)** Brandishing a knife at another person

*“Brandish” means to wave, shake, or exhibit in a mincing, challenging or exultant way. For purposes of mandatory expulsion, a knife means (1) a dirk, dagger or other weapon with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, (2) a weapon with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, (3) a weapon with a blade longer than 3 ½ inches, (4) a folding knife with a blade that locks into place, or (5) a razor with an unguarded blade.*

**Controlled Substance: 48915 (c)(3)** Unlawfully selling a controlled substance

**Sexual Assault/Battery: 48915 (c)(4)** Committing or attempting to commit sexual assault

**Explosive: 48915 (c)(5)** Possession of an explosive