

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Our School Code of Conduct has two main goals:

- (1) To ensure the safety of staff and students.
- (2) To create an environment conducive to learning.

Our School Code of Conduct is aligned with the Stamford Public Schools Policies and Regulations, specifically "Student Conduct" policy #5131.

Our School Code of Conduct is part of a philosophy of discipline based on the premise of educating students about appropriate behavior, recognizing and rewarding appropriate behavior, having clear and predictable consequences that are applied consistently by staff, and making restitution and restoring relationships when misbehavior has occurred.

DEFINITIONS REGARDING DISCIPLINE

1. Detention

You may be assigned a detention after school. The sole activity permitted during detention is silent study. Failure to complete a detention may result in an additional Administrative detention and possible Loss of Privileges/ or Extended Detention.

2. Extended Detention

You may be assigned an Extended Detention. This program is an alternative consequence to an In-School Suspension and allows students the opportunity to fulfill disciplinary consequences without missing valuable class time. Extended Detention is held from 9:30am – 12:30pm every other Saturday. Alternatively, Extended Detention may be held from 2:30pm – 5:30pm every other Thursday. The sole activity allowed in Extended Detention is silent study. Failure to report to Extended Detention or failure to follow the supervisor's directives will result in Loss of Privileges, and/or In-School Suspension. If a student misses an assigned Extended Detention, he/she will be assigned 2 days of In-School Suspension. Extended Detention may be rescheduled, at the discretion of the grade level administrator.

3. Loss of Privileges (LOP)

As you advance through Stamford High School you may receive certain privileges. However, you will forfeit these privileges if you do not comply with school rules. Along with other privileges, students who violate the Stamford High School Code of Conduct may lose the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities.

NOTE: You must maintain a satisfactory discipline, attendance, and academic record in order to retain privileges.

4. In-School Suspension (ISS)

The length of an In-School Suspension may vary from one period to 10 school days. If you are given a full-day In-School Suspension, you must report to the In-School Suspension room no later than 8:05 a.m. and remain there until 2:05 p.m. or until your bus is called. This includes assemblies, field trips, etc. The sole activity permitted in this room is silent study. All of the provisions listed under "expectations for classroom behavior" apply to the In-School Suspension room. In addition:

- a) you will be allowed to leave the room only during specified restroom breaks
- b) you will have access to a lunch menu
- c) you must complete all assigned course work.

Failure to comply with any of these provisions will result in a parent conference and an extension of the In-School Suspension, Loss of Privileges, and/or suspension.

NOTE: You are not allowed to participate in any athletic practice session or games, any co-curricular practice, rehearsal or performance, or after-school activity on the day of an In-School Suspension.

5. Suspension (OSS)

According to Stamford Public School Policies and Regulations, a student may be suspended for up to ten days for "conduct on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity that endangers persons or property, is seriously disruptive of the educational process, or that violates a publicized policy of the Board". (See section entitled "Student Conduct" for information on your rights in regard to suspension). If you are suspended from school, you may not be on school grounds or attend any school function for any reason unless you have made prior arrangements with your grade level administrator. You and your parents must have a conference with your grade level administrator prior to your return to class after suspension.

NOTE: You are not allowed to participate in any athletic practice session or games, any co-curricular practice, rehearsal or performance, or after-school activity on the day of an In-School Suspension.

6. Referral to the Principal

If you should continue your inappropriate behavior despite efforts to correct it, or if you should commit a serious act that disrupts the school or endangers others, you may be referred to the Principal. The Principal will initiate a thorough review of your behavior, and may determine the advisability of your remaining in school under your current program. In addition, the Principal may assign an out of school suspension with possible recommendation for expulsion from Stamford High School School.

7. Exclusion

The Board of Education has the right to expel any student where the Board of Education has cause to believe that the student engaged in "conduct on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity that endangers persons or property, is seriously disruptive of the educational process, or that violates a publicized policy of the Board". The Principal may recommend to the Board of Education that expulsion proceedings be initiated. The Board has the authority to expel a student for up to one year.

ALL DECISIONS ARE BASED ON DISCRETION OF SHS ADMINISTRATION

Note: Level of Consequences: Warning, Detention (Det.), Extended Detention or Extended Thursday Detentions, In-School-Suspensions (ISS), and Out-Of-School Suspensions (OSS)

W	nples of Conduct /hich Violates Expectations	Definitions/Remarks	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
А.	ice (Unexcused) From School (Truant) or from class (Cutting) From Study Hall	Requirement for students to be present at school on time and attend classes to acquire prescribed credit toward graduation. Refer to Student/Parent Handbook regarding	A. Parent/Student Notification/ Detention	A. Parent/Student notification & Detention/ Extended Detention/ISS	A. Parent Notification. Additional unexcused absences
	(Cutting) Tardy Walking out of	attendance policy. Tardy is defined as not being in assigned	B. Parent/Student Notification/ Detention.	B. Parent/Student Notification 2 Detentions.	subject to Sat./Ext Thurs Det./ISS
D.	Walking out of class without permission	classroom ready to do schoolwork when the bell has rung.	C. 4 Tardies =1 Unappealable Absence D. Administrative	D. Extended	B. See Above (A)
			Detention	D. Extended Detention	D. 1 Day ISS

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Alcohol A. Use B. Possession C. Sale/Distribution	Possessing, having under one's control, or using any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage is prohibited. A student shall not possess, sell, offer to sell, use, or be under the influence or on school property and school functions.	A & B:	A & B: • 5-10 Days OSS • Police Involvement • Counselor Referral	A & B: • 10 Days OSS • Police Involvement • Counselor Referral
Arson	Intentionally starting or promoting any fire, combustion or explosion on school property.	 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude Police Involvement 		

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Assault A. Against Students B. Against Staff	The act of striking, attacking, or harming any person in school or at any sponsored or supervised activity.	A: • 10 Days OSS • Move to Exclude • Police Involvement B: • 10 Days OSS • Move to Exclude • Police Involvement		
Bullying/Hazing	Bullying shall include, but not be limited to, a written, oral or electronic communication or physical act or gesture based on any Substitute Senate Bill No. 1138 Public Act No. 11-232 2 of 14 actual or perceived differentiating characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, academic status, physical appearance, or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability, or by association with an individual or group who	• SPS BOE Policy 5005R	SPS BOE Policy 5005R	SPS BOE Policy 5005R

Burglary	has or is perceived to have one or more of such characteristics; Entry into a building/area illegally to commit theft.	 5 Days OSS Police Involvement 	 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude Police Involvement 	
Bus Misconduct A. Minor B. Major: Endangering the wellbeing of passengers.	Failure to comply with the rules of bus safety of others or creating disturbances on the bus. Not following the rules as outlined in handbook.	A: • 1-3 Days Det. B: • Parent notification • 1-3 ISS • Police Involvement • Possible Loss of bus privileges	A: • Sat School or Ext. Det. • 1-5 Days Loss of Bus Privileges B: • Parent Notification • 3-5 ISS • Police Involvement • 1-5 Days Loss of Bus Privileges	A: • 3 Day ISS • Possible Revocation of Bus Privileges B: • 5-10 Day OSS • Police Involvement • Possible Revocation of Bus Privilege

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Improper Use of Technology	Engaging in any activity on the computer for reasons other than those expressly given by a teacher for educational purposes. Example: Improper computer usage consists of but is not limited to, the following: threats or abuse of others, obscene materials, false ID, unauthorized entry, etc.	Refer to SHS Acceptable Usage of Technology Policy	Refer to SHS Acceptable Usage of Technology Policy	Refer to SHS Acceptable Usage of Technology Policy
Defiance of Authority A. Failure to properly ID oneself. B. Refuses a reasonable request. C. Refuses Detention/ Extended Detention	Failing to comply with a proper and authorized direction or instruction of a staff member. A student shall obey the reasonable orders of teachers, administration, and other district employees and shall respond to requests for information from these persons in a truthful manner.	A: • 1-3 days Admin Det/Ext Det B: • 1-3 days Admin Det/Ext Det C: • 1-3 days ISS	A: • 1-3 days Admin Det/Ext Det B: • 1-3 days Admin Det/Ext Det C: • 1-3 days ISS	A: • 1-3 ISS/OSS B: • 1-3 days ISS/OSS • 1-3 days ISS/OSS

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Demonstration Inciting or Participating in demonstration	An act or instance meant to publicly display displeasure or disagreement with school authorities by not complying and /or disrupting regular school procedures, e.g., walking out of school and not attending classes according to schedule, etc.	3 Days OSS	5 Days OSS	10 Days OSS • Move to Exclude
 Disrespect Towards Staff A. Responding in a rude or impertinent manner. B. Written, verbal, or non- verbal abuse directed at a staff member. 	Written, verbal, or non- verbal abuse directed at a staff member. Responding in a rude or impertinent manner.	 A. 1-3 Days Admin Det/Extended Det. B. 1-3 Days Extended Det/ISS 	A. 1-3 Days Extended Det/ISS B. 1-3 Days ISS/OSS	A. 1-3 Days ISS B. 1-3 Days OSS

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Disruptive Behavior A. General Disruption B. Endangering Health and Safety of Others including other students, staff, or other inappropriate acts.	 A. A student shall not engage in conduct which disrupts the educational process or interferes with teaching and learning. B. A student shall not engage in conduct that endangers, or reasonably appears to endanger the health or safety of other students, school employees, or other persons. 	A: • 1-3 Days • Sat School • ISS B: • 1-3 Days ISS • Possible Police Involvement	A: 9 Principal Hearing B: 9 3-5 Days ISS/OSS 9 Possible Police Involvement 9 Principal Hearing	A: • 5-10 Days OSS • Principal Hearing B: • 5-10 Days OSS • Principal Hearing • Possible Police Involvement

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Dress/Inappropriate Attire A. Inappropriate Clothing B. Hats, Headbands, etc. Any form of appearance which violates basic norms of neatness and cleanliness, or which could be construed as cultic , gang related or cause disunity within the school community, even though conforming to the specific guidelines, is out of order and subject to sanction. The administration of the school will be the final judge of what is or is not acceptable. Students may be sent home or may not be allowed to attend class until the violation is corrected. The absence will be considered unexcused. Non-compliance could result in suspension or expulsion	 Dressing or grooming in a manner as to constitute a health or safety problem or disrupt educational activities. Clothing violations include but are not limited to: No garments that obstruct clear view of face i.e. hoods, masks, etc. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Any apparel with images of alcohol, illegal substances, or contain suggestive words or pictures (sex, drugs, gangs, alcohol) Pants or shorts must be worn appropriately; no exposure of undergarments Any mode of dress, immodest appearance, deemed inappropriate. 	 A: Parent notified. Student required to change clothes. B: Warning to Remove. 	 A: Parent notified. Student required to change clothes. Detention B: Detention Confiscate and return when detention served. 	 A-C: Parent Contact Extended Detention B: Extended Detention Confiscate and return at end of year.

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Drug Offense A. Sold/Distribution B. Use/Possession C. Synthetic/Imitati on Drug D. Paraphernalia E. Inhalant/e.g. THC Vaping, Glue, Paint F. Inappropriate Medications G. Drug Residue H. Noticeable smell of drugs (no possession)	A student shall not possess, sell, offer to sell, use or be under the influence of drugs or other substances/materials and paraphernalia, which are dangerous to the health and safety or which disrupt the educational process.	 A: 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude Police Involvement Refer to Counselor B-G: Refer to Nurse 3-5 Days OSS Police Involvement Refer to Counselor H: Refer to Nurse Parent Notified Parent Pick-up OSS remainder of day. Refer to Counselor 	 B-G: Refer to Nurse 5-10 Days OSS Police Involvement Refer to Counselor H: Refer to Nurse Parent Notified OSS remainder of day plus 1 day. Refer to Counselor 	 B-G: Refer to Nurse 10 Day OSS Police Involvement Refer to Counseling H: Refer to Nurse Parent Notified OSS remainder of day plus 2 days.
Extortion	Forcing other individuals to act against their will such as a demand for money. A student shall not take, use or borrow any property by expressed or implied threat.	5-10 Days OSSPolice InvolvementPrincipal Hearing	 10 Days OSS Police Involvement Principal Hearing Move to Exclude 	
False Alarm and Bomb Scares	Pulling an alarm or calling in a false alarm or bomb scare or any event that would cause the evacuation of a building.	10 Days OSSMove to ExcludePolice Involvement		

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Fighting-Mutual Combat (Physical Aggression)	Involves the exchange of mutual physical contact, such as pushing, shoving, hitting, or punching with or without injury.	 3-5 Days ISS/OSS Parent Conference Police Involvement 	 5-10 Days ISS/OSS Principal Hearing Police Involvement Referral to PPS staff 	 10 Days OSS Principal Hearing Police Involvement
Forgery, Misinterpretation, and Cheating A. Altering Notes B. False Info C. Cheating D. Plagiarism E. Other	Altering official documents for purpose of misinterpretation. Falsifying info by failure to provide accurate information to school officials or staff. Attempt to use another person's identity, signature, academic work or research as his/her own.	 Parents Notified Zero for Academic Work Conference with DH and Dean 	 Parents Notified Zero for Academic Work Conference with DH and Dean Extended Detention 	 Parents Notified Zero for Academic Work Conference with DH and Dean 1-3 Days ISS
Gambling; Unauthorized Selling	Playing a game of skill or chance for money or anything of value.	 Parents Notified 1-3 Days ISS Confiscation of gambling cards or other items. 	 Parents Notified 3-5 Days ISS Confiscation of gambling cards or other items. 	 Parents Notified 5-10Days ISS/OSS Confiscation of gambling cards or other items. Principal Hearing
Harassment	Disturbing consistently, by persisting or tormenting in the classroom or elsewhere on the school campus	Parents NotifiedSat SchoolISS	 Parents Notified 1-3 Days ISS/OSS 	 Parents Notified 3-5 Days ISS/OSS Principal Hearing

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Inciting a Campus Disturbance (E.g. Food Fight)	Unauthorized redress of problems by verbally or physically provoking others to react in an inappropriate manner which could lead to violence or damage of property and disturbance of educational process.	 5-10 Days OSS Police Involvement 	 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude Police Involvement 	
Leaving School Grounds Without Permission	Student cannot leave school without parental permission and signing out in main office.	Parents NotifiedSat. School	 Parents Notified 1-3 Days ISS 	 Parents Notified 3-5 Days ISS Referred to Dean of Students
Littering	Refuse, trash, or food, carelessly strewn or left, placed outside of proper waste containers	Parents Notified1-2 Days Det.	 Parents Notified Extended Detention 	 Parents Notified 5 Days ISS
Overt/Public Display of Affection (PDA)	Students shall not engage in overt PDA.	 Parents Notified Warning 	 Parents Notified 1-2 Days Det. 	 Parents Notified Extended Detention

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Obscenity/Profanity/ Vulgarity (Written or Spoken) A. Swearing B. Obscene Gestures C. Sexually Suggestive language D. Swearing at a Teacher Robbery	Use of obscene, profane, or vulgar language or gestures that is intentionally or unintentionally offensive. OR Writing, saying, or making gestures that convey disparaging or grossly offensive, obscene or sexually suggestive, racial, ethnic, or religious slurs. Taking property from a person by force, threat, or	 A-C: Parents Notified 1-3 Days Det./Extended Detention D: Parents Notified 1 ISS 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude 	 A-C: Parents Notified 3-5 Days Det./Extended Detention/ISS D: Notification 2-3 ISS 	A-C: Parents Notified 1-5 Days ISS D: Notification 1-5 Days OSS
Sexual Activity	aggression Any act by an individual or individuals that are sexual in nature including indecent exposure.	 Police Involvement Parents Notified 1-3 Days OSS Police Involvement 	 Parents Notified 3-5 Days OSS Principal Hearing Police Involvement 	 Parents Notified 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude Police
Sexual Harassment	Consists of unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when made by student to another student or staff member. The victim does not have to be the person harassed but anyone offended.	 Parents Notified 3-5 Days OSS Referral to PPS Police Involvement 	 Parents Notified 5-10 Days OSS Referral to PPS Police Involvement 	Involvement Parents Notified 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude Police Involvement

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Slurs/Discriminatory Language	Use of language or words that disparage based on: race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, etc.	 1-5 Days ISS Parents Contacted Meet with Dean 	 5-10 Days ISS/OSS Parents Contacted Refer to Counselor Principal Hearing 	 10 Days OSS Move To Exclude
Threatening A. Against Students B. Against Staff C. Severe Life Threatening	The act of threatening to strike (verbal, written, physical) or harm any person in school or at any school sponsored event or supervised activity, or intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension of physical injury.	A: • 1-5 Days ISS/OSS B: • 5-10 Days OSS • Principal Hearing C: • 10 Days OSS • Move to Exclude PPS Staff Notified Parents Contacted Possible Police	A: • 5-10 Days ISS/OSS • Principal Hearing B: • 10 Days OSS PPS Staff Notified Parents Contacted Possible Police	A & B: • 10 Days OSS • Move to Exclude PPS Staff Notified Parents Contacted Possible Police
Theft/Possession of Stolen Property A. School Property B. Student Property C. Staff Property D. Major Offense	Taking property belonging to the school, individual, or group without permission. Having in one's possession property obtained without the permission of the owner.	Involvement A-C: • 1-3 Days ISS/OSS D: • 10 Days OSS • Police Involvement • Principal Hearing	Involvement A-C: • 3-5 Days ISS • Police Involvement • Principal Hearing D: • 10 Days OSS • Move to Exclude • Police Involvement	Involvement A-C: • 10 Days OSS • Police Involvement

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Tobacco Products/ Vaping	Use of tobacco products by students is prohibited. Refer to BOE policy. Visible products will be confiscated A. Use B. Possession	A: • 1-3 Days ISS • Parents Contacted B: • Confiscation • Parents Contacted	A&B: 3-5 Days ISS Police Involvement	A&B: • 5 Days ISS/OSS • Police Involvement
Traffic Rules/Violation	Students and staff shall follow all traffic rules when in operation or possession of a vehicle on campus or at a school event. Additionally, all students and staff are to park in legally identified parking spaces. Parking in reserved, guest, or handicapped spaces without proper authorization is a violation and is subject to fines, tickets, and possible towing of vehicles from the premises. This includes the North Driveway.	 Parent Contact Warning 	• SRO Referral	Possible Loss of Parking Privileges
Trespassing/ Unauthorized visitation In Unauthorized Area A. Within Campus B. Other Campus	Entering any school building without proper authority. Includes any school entry during a period of suspension. Being in the vicinity of another campus or private property is prohibited	 A: Parents Notified 1-3 Days Det. B: Parents Notified 1-3 Days ISS Police Involvement 	A: • 1-3 Days ISS • Parents Contacted B: • Parents Notified • 3-5 Days ISS • Police Involvement • Principal Hearing	A: • 3-5 Days ISS • Parents Contacted B: • Parents Notified • 10 Days OSS • Police Involvement • Principal Hearing

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Unauthorized Recording Policy • Use of and or Distribution • Demeaning Images	Unauthorized pictures, video or audio recording of students, staff or others on school property or at school-related events, when such unauthorized action violates commonly accepted rules of decency or damages the reputation of others or is intended to humiliate. Distribution, broadcasting/publication (via telephone, television, radio, internet, print media, flyers, etc.)of unauthorized pictures, video, or audio recording of students, staff, or others on school property or at school related events when such unauthorized action violates commonly accepted rules of decency or damages the reputation of others or is intended to humiliate.	 Police Notification to determine if criminal offense has occurred. 1-5 Days OSS Principal Hearing 	 Police Notification to determine if criminal offense has occurred. 5-10 Days OSS Principal Hearing 	 Police Notification to determine if criminal offense has occurred. 10 Days OSS Move to Exclude

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	Demeaning images refers to the Distribution, broadcasting/publication (via telephone, television, radio, internet, print media, flyers, etc.)of unauthorized pictures, video, or audio recording of students, staff, or others on school property or at school related events when such unauthorized action violates commonly accepted rules of decency or damages the reputation of others or is intended to humiliate.			
Vandalism/Graffiti A. Minor B. Major	Maliciously and intentionally causing damage to school property or the property of others. Includes situations in which minor damage can be repaired or replaced at no cost to the school.	 A: 3 Days Det. B: 1-5 Days ISS/OSS Police Involvement Principal Hearing 	 A: 1-3 Days ISS Police Involvement B: 5-10 Days ISS/OSS Police Involvement Principal Hearing 	 A: 5-10 Days OSS Police Involvement B: 10 Days OSS ISS/OSS Police Involvement Move to Exclude

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Weapons and Dangerous Instruments A. Gun B. Knife/Razor Blades C. Live Ammunition D. Fireworks E. Explosives F. Facsimile Weapons G. Other	A student shall not possess or use weapons, explosives, dangerous items, or items that can be interpreted as being able to cause bodily harm to a person. Weapons and dangerous items includes but are not limited to: Guns, chains, knives, clubs, brass knuckles, razor blades, fireworks, explosives, etc.	 10 Days OSS Move To Exclude Police Involvement 		