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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP HANDBOOK

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RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, DISTRICT POLICIES

A Policy Guide for Student Expectations for Instructional and Co-Curricular Activities in Northfield Public Schools

Vision: We prepare every student for lifelong success by developing critical thinkers who are curious and ready to engage in our society.

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VISION, STRATEGIC COMMITMENTS, AND STUDENT DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of student discipline is to ensure a learning environment that helps achieve the district's vision to prepare **every** student for lifelong success by developing critical thinkers who are curious and ready to engage in our society. This philosophy aligns with the district's strategic commitments to people, learner outcomes, equity, stewardship, communication, and partnerships.

It is the responsibility of the school board to make reasonable policies and rules for maintaining a safe and supportive school environment. These policies and rules apply at any time a student is present at a school location, at a school-sponsored activity, participating in school activities through a digital platform, and while traveling on school buses. Students are expected to behave in accordance with federal, state and local laws and rules and in a way that respects the rights and safety of others.

While this policy pertains to all schools in District No. 659, the school board recognizes the uniqueness of each building and classroom in which the policy must be implemented. This policy may be supplemented by additional policies, rules and procedures that recognize those unique needs.

PHILOSOPHY REGARDING LEARNING AND DISCIPLINE

Optimum learning occurs in a positive, safe and secure environment. Students, parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, administrators and other school staff all share in the responsibility to ensure a positive climate for learning.

The school setting enables students to develop responsible behaviors and habits that will serve them now and later in life. Students will learn self-control and respect for law, authority, property and the rights of others.

Restorative Practices will be used to address negative situations while restoring the school climate to a respectful one. The approach of restorative practice builds community and strengthens relationships to create safe and supportive environments.

While student self-discipline is the ideal, it is understood that fair and appropriate corrective measures may be required at times. When it becomes necessary to enforce the consequences as outlined in this policy, it should be done in a manner that respects the dignity of the student and promotes healthy and responsible behavior.

Discipline is a learning experience, not just a consequence. Discipline...

- helps the student learn a lesson that will positively affect their present and future behavior.
- is designed to help the student control and change their behavior, thereby guiding the student into adulthood.
- helps the student to grow intellectually and emotionally.
- enhances the student's self-confidence, self-worth and self-image.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Board of Education

The school board holds all school personnel responsible for maintenance of order within the school district and supports all personnel acting within the framework of this discipline policy.

Superintendent

The superintendent shall establish guidelines and directives to carry out this policy; hold all school personnel, students and parents/guardians/caregivers responsible for conforming to this policy; and support all school personnel performing their duties within the framework of this policy. The superintendent also shall establish guidelines and directives for using the services of appropriate agencies for assisting students and parents/guardians/caregivers. Any guidelines of directives established to implement this policy shall be submitted to the school board for approval and shall be attached as an addendum to this policy.

Principal and Assistant Principals

The school principal is given the responsibility and authority to formulate building rules and regulations necessary to enforce this policy. The principal shall give direction and support to all school personnel performing their duties within the framework of this policy. The principal and assistant principals shall consult with parents/guardians/caregivers of students conducting themselves in a manner contrary to the policy. The principal shall also involve other professional employees in the disposition of behavior referrals and shall make use of those agencies appropriate for assisting students and parents/guardians/caregivers. For the purposes of the discipline guidelines that are enumerated in this document, the word "principal" means either the school principal, building administrator, or assistant principal.

Teachers

All teachers shall be responsible for providing a well-planned teaching/learning environment and shall have primary responsibility for student conduct, with appropriate assistance from the administration. All teachers shall enforce the discipline guidelines.

Other School District Personnel

All district personnel shall be responsible for contributing to the atmosphere of mutual respect within the school. Their responsibilities relating to students' behavior shall be authorized and directed by the superintendent.

All district personnel shall be responsible for the behavior of their children as determined by law and community practice. They are expected to cooperate with school authorities and to participate regarding the behavior of their children.

Parents or Legal Guardians

Parents and legal guardians shall be held responsible for the behavior of their children as determined by law, district policy, and school procedures. They are expected to cooperate with school authorities and to participate regarding the behavior of their children.

Students

All students shall be held individually responsible for their behavior and for knowing and obeying this policy.

Community Members

Members of the community are expected to contribute to the establishment of an atmosphere in which rights and duties are effectively acknowledged and fulfilled.

STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students who attend District No. 659 have numerous rights and opportunities. Students also have responsibilities to teachers, other staff and fellow students. The following list lays out student rights and opportunities as well as student responsibilities. Applicable district policies are identified where appropriate and can be found in their entirety on the <u>district's website</u>.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students' parents and students eligible under state law	Students have the responsibility to follow established
generally have the right to view their school records	building and district procedures regarding access to their
according to state and federal laws.	school records.
Students have the right to privacy regarding school	
records. Disclosure of information from student records	
will be consistent with legal requirements and the	
guidelines established by the school district.	

STUDENT APPAREL (DRESS AND APPEARANCE)

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Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the opportunity to wear clothing of their	Students are responsible to dress in such a manner that is
choosing and to engage in personal grooming which is	not disruptive nor likely to disrupt the learning
not potentially disruptive to the education process, which	environment, is not a health and safety hazard, is not
does not pose a threat to the health or safety of other	obscene, is not sexually explicit, discriminatory or
students and which is not lewd, vulgar, obscene, sexually	associated with threat/hate groups, including gang
explicit or discriminatory. Hair or hairstyles choices are at	and/or hate symbols. Clothing which displays references
the discretion of the individual student. This includes	to weapons, alcohol, chemicals, tobacco or other
but is not limited to hair texture and hair styles such as	products that are illegal for use by minors is not
braids, locks, and twists.	permitted.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the right to equal opportunity to	Students are responsible to follow the rules and
participate in all school activities and school education	regulations of the school-sponsored activity in which
programs for which they are eligible within legal limits.	they participate or others participate. Students are not to
(Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity)	discourage the participation of other students.

FAIR TREATMENT

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the right to due process when involved in	Students are responsible to treat all people respectfully
a violation of district rules. Included is the opportunity	and to follow rules and regulations that apply to them.
to hear the nature of the violation and to give their	
account of the situation.	
Students have the right to be informed of current school	Students are responsible to be knowledgeable about and
policies, rules and regulations that apply to them.	to follow school policies, rules and regulations that apply
	to them.
Students have the right to be informed of classroom	Students are responsible to be knowledgeable about and
expectations.	to meet classroom expectations and evaluation
	procedures that apply to them.

Students have the right to be treated respectfully by staff and other students.	Students are responsible to treat others, including other students and staff in a respectful manner. Students are also expected to treat the property of others and the district responsibly.
Students have a right to be free from corporal punishment by staff.	Students have the responsibility to refrain from using force or physical contact for the purposes of inflicting physical and emotional harm on another.
Students have a right to be free from unreasonable physical contact from teachers and other staff except as physical restraint is necessary to prevent the student from injuring self, other persons, or property.	Students have the responsibility to respect the space and freedom of those around them. Students also have the responsibility to not engage in conduct that threatens to injure themselves, other persons, and property.

FREE SPEECH

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the right to free speech so long as such	Students are responsible to express opinions, publish
speech does not violate the rights of others.	written materials, distribute literature in such a manner
	that is not libelous, obscene or discriminatory, including
	but not limited to symbols of hate or gang-related
	symbols, that does not interfere with the rights of others
	or disrupt the atmosphere of learning in the school as
	determined by school administration and follows school
	regulations regarding time, place and manner.

HARASSMENT

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
The Northfield School District takes Human Rights and	Students are responsible for maintaining an environment
Title IX complaints seriously. Students have the right to	free from harassment, cyberbullying, intimidation and
be free from any form of harassment, arising out of the	abuse. Students are also responsible to report incidents
physical or verbal conduct of other students, school staff	of physical, sexual and verbal harassment, intimidation
or others.	and/or abuse that they have experienced or of which
(Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition; Policy 413 Harassment	they are aware. Policy 413 and its associated procedures
and Violence; Policy 526 Hazing Prohibition, Policy 522	and Policy 522 govern the process for addressing these
Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination)	complaints. Such reports should be made to:
	Molly Viesselman, Director of Human Resources,
	Human Rights Officer/Title IX Coordinator, Northfield
	Public Schools, 201 Orchard Street South, Northfield,
	MN 55057 - Phone: 507.663.0600
	Email: mviesselman@northfieldschools.org
	While not required, individuals can make complaints
	using this form.

LEARNING

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students should have the opportunity to receive a	Students are responsible for daily attendance, for
comprehensive appropriate education. (Policy 102 Equal	completing class assignments on time and for bringing
Educational Opportunity)	appropriate materials required for class use.
Students should have the opportunity to attend school in	Students are responsible to behave in such a manner that
a safe environment that is free from disruptive behavior	does not pose a potential or actual danger to themselves
by others.	or others and that is not disruptive to the learning
	process of others.

Students have the opportunity to make up schoolwork missed during an excused absence.	With age-appropriate assistance from their teachers, students are responsible to obtain and complete make-up work assigned for periods of absence.
Students have the right to necessary homebound instruction as regulated by state guidelines when absent for an extended period.	Students are responsible to complete work assigned as part of the homebound instructional process.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the right to be free from discrimination	Students are responsible to treat other students and
based upon race, color, creed, sex, religion, national	district employees in a nondiscriminatory manner.
origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity,	Violations should be reported to building principals as
and status with regard to public assistance or disability.	outlined in Policy 522.
(Policy 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination)	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the right to participate in the reciting of	Students are responsible to either participate in reciting
the Pledge of Allegiance. Students have the right to	the Pledge of Allegiance or respect the rights of those
express themselves by not participating in the pledge	who wish not to participate. Students will be instructed
including the right to remain seated.	in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and
	respect for the flag, and in patriotic exercises.

PRIVACY

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Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students generally have the right to privacy in their	Students are responsible to refrain from bringing onto
persons and personal property when engaging,	school property or to school-sponsored events any item
participating or pursuing curricular activities on a school	or material that would cause, or tend to cause, a
location.	disruptive activity or endanger the health and safety of
	students or other people.
Students have the opportunity to utilize school lockers,	Students are responsible for keeping their lockers free of
desks and other designated area for storing appropriate	any items that are illegal or that are prohibited under
items of personal property subject to the understanding	school rules and district policies.
that such areas are within the exclusive control of the	
school district and that such areas may be searched for	
any reason, at any time without permission, consent or	
requirement for a search warrant. If conditions warrant	
technology (including drug sniffing dogs, cameras, metal	
detectors, etc.) may be used to ensure the safety of	
students, staff, buildings and grounds. (Policy 502 Search	
of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and	
Student's Person)	
Students have the right to confidentiality regarding	Students have the responsibility to inform school
personal matters in discussion with school personnel.	personnel when a discussion of personal matters is to be
School personnel are mandated by law to report child or	confidential. Matters of abuse or illegal activity should be
sexual abuse to the proper authorities. Matters involving	reported to school personnel.
criminal behavior may also be reported to the proper	
authorities.	

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the opportunity to participate in student	Student government representatives have the
government. The purpose of the existence of student	responsibility to communicate and work with student
government is to represent and to be responsive of the	body, faculty and administration and to be aware of and
needs of all students.	comply with any policies of the school district that may
	affect the formation of procedural aspects of the student
	government.

STUDENT SAFETY

Rights/Opportunities	Responsibilities
Students have the right to a safe, inviting school	Students are responsible for cooperating with school
environment, free of violence, racism, homophobia,	authorities to keep our schools free of violence, racism,
xenophobia, transphobia, religious intolerance, and	homophobia, xenophobia, transphobia, religious
chemicals, (drugs, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and alcohol).	intolerance, and chemicals. Students should report any
Students should expect the schools to utilize a variety of	safety concerns, including violence racism, homophobia,
prevention techniques to prioritize their safety.	religious intolerance, and chemicals (drugs, tobacco,
	e-cigarettes, and alcohol) to the building administration.
	Students should also understand the use of prevention
	techniques as a partnership between students, staff, the
	community, and law enforcement designed to keep our
	schools safe for everyone.

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES & DISCLAIMER

Every student and employee of Northfield Public Schools is entitled to learn and work in a safe school environment. To ensure this, the district and each school has established clear student discipline policies, consequences appropriate with the behavior and a practice to do so with fairness and consistency (Policy 506 Student Discipline).

Students are expected to respect the rights and safety of others. This includes behaving in accordance with federal, state and local laws; district, athletic and activity policies; and school regulations. Corrective action will be taken by staff when a student's behavior does not fall within the guidelines.

The following are district-wide discipline guidelines for administrative use. These guidelines and the potential consequences apply at any time a student is present at a district school location or participating in a school-sponsored activities. Listed are the violations and the **recommended** consequences. The infractions and consequences may be modified or disregarded if circumstances require mitigation or exception (e.g. a student with a disability whose misbehavior is related to their disability). When appropriate, restitution may be substituted for recommended consequences. These guidelines are based upon school board policies. District policies are located on the <u>district's website</u>.

ABUSE, VERBAL

The use of language that is obscene, threatening, intimidating or that degrades other people is prohibited. Verbal abuse that is also sexual, religious or racial harassment shall be addressed under the guidelines for harassment.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
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4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences could include but are not limited to:Student conference with the	Consequences could include but are not limited to:Student conference with the
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity 	 principal Parent/guardian/caregiver conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges 	 principal Parent/guardian/caregiver conference with the principal In school suspension Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges

	• Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
6-8	 Consequences could include but are not limited to: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver conference with the principal Detention In school suspension Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	2-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension
9-12	 Consequences could include but are not limited to: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver conference with the principal Detention In school suspension Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	2-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension

ALCOHOL, CANNABIS, OR CHEMICALS, POSSESSION OR USE

Possession or use of any alcohol, cannabis, nonintoxicating cannabinoid as defined in <u>Policy 418</u>, edible cannabinoid product, a narcotic, controlled substance or drug paraphernalia is prohibited by Minnesota or federal law. Any student in possession of or under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, a nonintoxicating cannabinoid as defined in <u>Policy 418</u>, an edible cannabinoid product, a narcotic, a toxic substance, a controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia at a school location will be reported to the police. Further recommendations such as possible chemical assessment may also be required. A chemical assessment may be required on a second school occurrence prior to readmission to school.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are
	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the
	following options:	following options:	following options:
		 Student conference with the principal 	 Student conference with the principal

	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
4-5	 3-5 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral 	 Social worker intervention 5-10 day suspension Chemical assessment Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Police referral Chemical assessment
6-8	 3-5 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral 	 Social worker intervention 5-10 day suspension Chemical assessment Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Police referral Chemical assessment
9-12	 3-5 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral 	 Social worker intervention 5-10 day suspension Chemical assessment Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Police referral Chemical assessment

ALCOHOL OR CHEMICALS, POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE OR SELL

Selling, distributing, delivery, exchanging or intending to sell, deliver, exchange or distribute any alcoholic, narcotic or controlled substance is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal Police referral 	
	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.	
4-5	• 10 day suspension	

	 Recommendation for expulsion Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral
6-8	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral
9-12	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral

ARSON

Intentional destruction or damage to school property or other property by means of fire is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence			
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:			
	• Student conference with the principal			
	• Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal			
	Restorative activity			
	Removal from class			
	Restriction or loss of school privileges			
	Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal			
	Police referral			
	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.			
4-5	• 10 day suspension			
	• Recommendation for expulsion			
	• Police referral			
	• Restitution			
6-8	• 10 day suspension			
	• Recommendation for expulsion			
	• Police referral			
	• Restitution			
9-12	• 10 day suspension			
	Recommendation for expulsion			
	• Police referral			
	• Restitution			

ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED

Committing an assault upon another person with a weapon, or an assault that inflicts great bodily harm upon another person is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence		
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:		
	• Student conference with the principal		
	• Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal		
	• Restorative activity		
	Removal from class		
	Restriction or loss of school privileges		
	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal		
	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.		

4-5	• 5-10 day suspension	
	• Possible recommendation for expulsion	
6-8	• 10 day suspension	
	• Recommendation for expulsion	
	• Police referral	
9-12	• 10 day suspension	
	• Recommendation for expulsion	
	• Police referral	

ASSAULT, PHYSICAL

Acting with intent to cause fear in another person of immediate bodily harm or death, or intentionally inflicting or attempting to inflict bodily harm upon another person is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
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9-12	 5-10 suspension Police referral	 5-10 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Police referral

BODILY HARM, INFLICTING

Committing a reckless or negligent act that inflicts bodily harm upon another person.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are
	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the
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6-8	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1 day suspension	3 day suspension
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal 	1 day suspension	3 day suspension

Parent/guardian/caregiver	
in-person conference with the	
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principal	
Restorative activity	
Removal from class	
Restriction or loss of school	
privileges	
• Other appropriate	
consequences as determined	
by the principal	

BULLYING

Any act of bullying or cyberbullying is strictly prohibited as defined in district <u>Policy 514</u>. Many behaviors can be "bullying-like" and are addressed using relevant consequences related to the specific infraction. For the purposes of discipline, bullying is defined as behavior that is:

- Intimidating, threatening, abusive or hurtful conduct
- Objectively offensive
- Involves an imbalance of power or materially and substantially interferes with a student's education or ability to participate in school activities
- And occurs repeatedly

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in-person conference with the	
principal or assistant principal	
• Restorative activity	
Removal from class	
Restriction or loss of school	
privileges	
• Other appropriate	
consequences as determined	
by principal or assistant	
principal	

BURGLARY

Entering any school location without consent and with the intent to commit a crime is prohibited.

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Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one	Consequences will include but are not limited to one	
	or more of the following options:	or more of the following options:	
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by 	
		the principal	

	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.		
4-5	 5 day suspension Police referral	10 day suspensionRecommendation for expulsionPolice referral	
6-8	 5 day suspension Police referral	10 day suspensionRecommendation for expulsionPolice referral	
9-12	 5 day suspension Police referral	10 day suspensionRecommendation for expulsionPolice referral	

CELL PHONES & PERSONAL DEVICES - ELEMENTARY (Grades K-5)

We recognize that cell phones/personal electronic devices are common tools for communication with many families. Our goal is to help students maintain a focus on learning. Please know that most elementary students have no need to carry a cell phone or personal electronic device to school and these devices are vulnerable to theft. We are committed to using technology as an accelerant for student learning and provide the appropriate tools for our students in their classrooms.

Students who need to carry a cell phone or personal electronic device to school must have them turned off and stored out of sight during school hours. These devices may not be used to talk, take pictures, play games, record or text during school hours, including recess. The district is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen phones or other electronic devices brought from home.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-5	Confiscate and return at end of day	Confiscate and parent/ guardian/caregiver pick up	Students are no longer allowed to bring a device to school until a parent/ guardian/caregiver conference is held with the building principal.
		rohibits the use of suspension for students in	
		the unauthorized photography or r	
Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-5	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined

CELL PHONES & PERSONAL DEVICES - MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

We recognize that cell phones/personal electronic devices are common tools for communication with many families. Our goal is to help students maintain a focus on learning. Cell phones are not permitted in classrooms, during transition times, or in the lunchroom between 7:45 am and 2:51 pm. If there is a need for a student to have a cell phone at school, staff should not hear it or see it. It should be put in a locker during the day. If any staff member sees a phone out in classrooms, during transition times, or in the lunchroom, it will be labeled and taken to the office. The phone can be picked up after 2:51 pm. Additionally, video recording students or staff without their consent is prohibited at Northfield Middle School.

Causing a disruption with personal electronic devices, universal remote controls, laser pointers, speakers, headphones, bluetooth, or similar devices is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, causing a nuisance through the non-curricular use of cameras or other devices for photographic, audio, video, or digital recording and/or sharing of those recordings without student or staff permission. While school-issued devices will not be confiscated in most circumstances, they may have various apps or features disabled as a result of misuse.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence	
6-8	Confiscate and return at end of day	Confiscate and return at end of day	 Confiscate and parent/guardian/ caregiver pick up Students who have a fourth violation may be required to turn in their phone to the office each day 	
	Incidents involving the unauthorized photography or recording			
Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence	
6-8	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension	5-10 day suspension	
	Depending on the content of the photography or recording, the infraction may be considered sexual misconduct.			

CELL PHONES & PERSONAL DEVICES - ALC & HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

We recognize that cell phones/personal electronic devices are common tools for communication with many families. Our goal is to help students maintain a focus on learning. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during class time without explicit permission from the teacher. Students may use cell phones before and after school, passing times, during flex hour, and, for students who are in good standing, during study hall. Northfield High School's classroom cell phone/electronic device procedure will be followed. Procedures prior to an office discipline referral include student reminders, redirection with and parent/caregiver contact. The consequences listed below will be applied when an office discipline referral has been submitted.

Causing a disruption with personal electronic devices, universal remote controls, laser pointers, speakers, headphones, bluetooth, or similar devices is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, causing a nuisance through the non-curricular use of cameras or other devices for photographic, audio, video, or digital recording and/or sharing of those recordings without student or staff permission. While school-issued devices will not be confiscated in most circumstances, they may have various apps or features disabled as a result of misuse.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
9- 12	• Parent/caregiver will be	• The student's device will	Additional phone
	contacted by administration and	remain in the office for the	restrictions, including the
	cell phone use plan will be	remainder of the day.	removal of phone privilege
	created.	Administration will notify	on campus.
	• For school-issued devices,	parents/guardians with the	• Possible 1-3 day
	restrictions may be enacted for	student present, and will	suspension
	the school-issued device.	review the previously	
		developed plan.	

Incidents involving the unauthorized photography or recording			
Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
9- 12	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension	5-10 day suspension
Depending on the content of the photography or recording, the infraction may be considered sexual misconduct.			

DISHONESTY, SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic dishonesty that includes, but is not limited to, cheating on school assignments or tests, plagiarism, submitting artificial intelligence generated work as one's own without explicit disclosure, or collusion is prohibited. (Collusion means that this segment also applies to students who knowingly assist others in cheating on school assignments, tests, or plagiarism as outlined in this handbook.) Academic consequences may also be assigned. Incidents of academic dishonesty will be cumulative for the duration of attendance at each building. The procedures whereby a student will be held accountable for infractions are as follows:

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence or More
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stua	lents in Grades K-3.
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
6-8	• The teacher will address the student with evidence when the infraction occurs and notify parents/guardians/	 All of the disciplinary action of the first occurrence will occur The student will receive an automatic zero on the 	 All of the disciplinary action of the first occurrence will occur Assistant Principal will initiate a parent/guardian/

	 caregivers The student can receive a zero on the assignment, but may, at the teacher's sole discretion, set up an opportunity to re-do the assignment with supervision. The teacher will file an incident referral form with the Assistant Principal. 	 assignment or test and no make-up work will be offered to compensate for lost points The teacher will file an incident referral form with the Assistant Principal, who will conference with the student and notify parents/guardians/ caregivers 	caregiver-student- counselor conferenceThe student will receive one day of ISS
9-12	 The teacher will address the student with evidence when the infraction occurs and notify parents/guardians/ caregivers The student can receive a zero on the assignment, but may, at the teacher's sole discretion, set up an opportunity to re-do the assignment with supervision. The teacher will file an incident referral form with the Assistant Principal 	 All of the disciplinary action of the first occurrence will occur The student will receive an automatic zero on the assignment or test and no make-up work will be offered to compensate for lost points The teacher will file an incident referral form with the Assistant Principal, who will conference with the student and notify parents/guardians/ caregivers 	 All of the disciplinary action of the first occurrence will occur Assistant Principal will initiate a parent/guardian/ caregiver-student- counselor conference The student will receive one day of ISS

DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR

All individuals and groups, whether members of our school community or guests, deserve to be treated with respect. Disrespectful behavior includes engaging in abusive language or in conduct intending to cause alarm or resentment in others. The videoing of staff members or students without permission is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
		tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Same/next day dismissal
	• Student conference with the principal	• Student conference with the principal	

	 Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
6-8	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

Disruptive behavior is prohibited. Disruptive behavior means acts that disrupt or threaten to disrupt the educational process.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are
	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the
	following options:	following options:	following options:

	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	lents in Grades K-3.
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Same/next day dismissal
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
6-8	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Same/next day dismissal
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
9-12	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	1-3 day suspension
	• Student conference with the principal	• Student conference with the principal	

 Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences on determined
by the principal	consequences as determined by the principal

DRIVING, CARELESS OR RECKLESS

Driving any motorized or nonmotorized vehicle on school locations in such a manner as to endanger people or property is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Revocation of parking permit to identified time period Police referral 	 3 day suspension Permanent revocation of parking permit Police referral

FALSE REPORTING/MISREPRESENTING THE TRUTH

Deliberately reporting false information is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: • Student conference with the principal or behavior coach	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver
	 Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
4-5	Consequences will include but are	Statute prohibits the use of suspension for studen Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are
	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the

	following options:	following options:	following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
6-8	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal Principal phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension

FIGHTING

Engaging in any form of physically aggressive confrontation, including fighting, where blows are exchanged is prohibited.

K-3		 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
4-5	 Consequences could include but are not limited to: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver conference with the principal In school suspension Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension
6-8	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension	 10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion
9-12	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension	 10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion

FIRE ALARM, FALSE

Intentionally giving a false alarm of a fire, or tampering or interfering with any fire alarm is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	• Student conference with the principal or behavior coach	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal

4-5	 Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal Note: Minnesota Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of 	 Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal Statute prohibits the use of suspension for stude Suspension Restitution 	 Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal <i>ents in Grades K-3.</i> 2-3 day suspension Police referral Restitution
	 school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 		
6-8	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution	5-10 day suspensionPolice referralRestitution	 10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Police referral Restitution
9-12	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution	5-10 day suspensionPolice referralRestitution	 10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Police referral Restitution

FIRE EXTINGUISHER, UNAUTHORIZED USE

Fire extinguishers are important tools that are needed in potentially life-threatening fires. All other uses are unacceptable.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class

	• Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal	 Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota	Statute prohibits the use of suspension for stude	
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	1 day suspension	 2 day suspension Restitution
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Removal from class Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the 		
6-8	principal Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: • Student conference with	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution 	 10 day suspension Police referral Restitution
	 the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 		
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with 	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution	10 day suspensionPolice referralRestitution
	 in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges 		

• Other appropriate	
consequences as determined by the	
principal	

FIREARMS

Firearms are prohibited in all school district locations. A "firearm" is defined as a gun, whether loaded or unloaded, that discharges shot or a projectile by means of an explosive charge or element, such as gunpowder. A firearm as herein defined may cause serious injury or death. All offenses will be reported to the Minnesota Department of Education.

	cause serious injury or death. All offenses will be reported to the Minnesota Department of Education.			
Grades	First Occurrence			
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:			
	• Student conference with the principal			
	Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal			
	Restorative activity			
	Removal from class			
	Restriction or loss of school privileges			
	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal			
	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.			
4-5	• 10 day suspension			
	Recommendation for expulsion			
	Police referral			
6-8	• 10 day suspension			
	Recommendation for expulsion			
	Police referral			
9-12	• 10 day suspension			
	Recommendation for expulsion			
	Police referral			

FIREWORKS OR AMMUNITION

(Snaps, sparklers, firecrackers, smoke bombs, stink bombs, etc.)

Possession, distribution or use of any type of fireworks or ammunition is prohibited. Police referral will be made when state law has been violated.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stua	lents in Grades K-3.

4-5	1 day suspension	2 day suspension	5 day suspension
6-8	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension	5-10 day suspension
9-12	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension	5-10 day suspension

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Freedom of expression is necessary to promote creativity, teach appreciation of others' cultures and ideas, and to prepare students to participate in our democratic society. However, verbal, written or symbolic speech promoting illegal substances, intolerance and/or causing disruption will not be tolerated, regardless of learning modality (in-person or digital).

Dress or appearance at a school location in the following manner is prohibited.

- Grades K-8: Hats or bandanas are not permitted without special permission of the building administrator.
- Dress or appearance that includes words or pictures which are obscene, vulgar, abusive, discriminatory or which promote or advertise weapons, alcohol, chemicals, tobacco or any other product that is illegal for use by minors.
- Dress or appearance in a manner that represents and/or promotes threat/hate groups including gangs or supremacist groups (including but not limited to gang and/or hate symbols).
- Dress or appearance in a manner that is sexually explicit or which conveys sexual innuendo, or that may reasonably be construed as sexual.
- Dress or appearance that is potentially disruptive to the education process or that poses a threat to the health and safety of others.
- When, in the judgment of the administration (principal, assistant principal, and/or designee), a student's appearance or mode of dress does not adhere to this policy, the student will be directed to make modifications or will be sent home for the day. Parents/guardians will be notified and other disciplinary measures may be taken.
- Administration may recommend a form of dress considered appropriate for a specific event and communicate the recommendation to students and parents/guardians.
- An organized student group shall receive administrative approval before recommending a form of dress for a specific student sponsored event.
- Any student who feels offended by an individual's dress may report that concern to staff, a teacher or to school administration in the building.

The above criteria also apply to school-sponsored forums/events in physical or digital format and the use of school issued devices, and will be used to judge whether a student is in violation of verbal or symbolic speech guidelines.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: • Student conference with	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:Student conference with the	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:Student conference with the
	 the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stua	

4-5	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined
6-8	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	by the principal Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal Principal phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal, including possible suspension
9-12	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal Principal phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal, including possible suspension

GAMBLING

Gambling, including, but not limited to, playing a game of chance for stakes or possession of gambling devices (including machines, video games and other items used to promote a game of chance) is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	romote a game of chance) is prohibite Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	lents in Grades K-3.
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Same/next day dismissal
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
6-8	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges 		

	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal		
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension

GANG/THREAT GROUP ACTIVITY

Gang/threat group-related activity, the use of graffiti emblems, symbolism, hand signs, slang, tattoos, jewelry, discussion, clothing, wearing colors, etc. are prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: • Student conference with the principal or behavior coach • Principal or behavior	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the
	 coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
4-5	Note: Minnesota S Consequences will include but are	<i>tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud</i> Consequences will include but are	<i>lents in Grades K-3.</i> Consequences will include but are
	not limited to one or more of the following options:	not limited to one or more of the following options:	not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity

	 Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
6-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 1-5 day suspension Police referral 	 5-10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Police referral
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 1-5 day suspension Police referral 	 5-10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Police referral

HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE

Racial, gender, religious, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, and public assistance harassment and violence as defined by district <u>Policy 413</u> is prohibited. Reprisal or retaliation for a complaint of harassment is prohibited. A referral to police will be made on any action that can be defined as a hate crime. "Harassment" includes all forms of racial, religious and sexual harassment. Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical contact or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when submission to that conduct is made a term or condition for obtaining an education; or submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as a factor in decisions affecting the student's education or the conduct has the purpose of effect of unreasonably interfering with the student's educational environment. Sexual harassment can involve but is not limited to unwelcome verbal harassment, unwelcoming pressure for sexual activity, unwelcome sexually motivated or inappropriate patting,

pinching, physical contact or soliciting, distributing, or showing sexually inappropriate photos or videos. Depending on the content of the photography or video, the infraction may also be considered sexual misconduct. Parents/guardians/caregivers and students may also make a direct report to the Human Rights Officer/Title IX coordinator about sexual harassment, racially-motivated harassment, or other discrimination governed by district <u>Policies 413</u> and/or <u>522</u>. Reports should be made to:

Molly Viesselman, Director of Human Resources, Human Rights Officer/Title IX Coordinator Northfield Public Schools, 201 Orchard Street South, Northfield, MN 55057 Phone: 507.663.0600 • Email: mviesselman@northfieldschools.org

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: • Student conference with	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:Student conference with the	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:Student conference with the
	 the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
4.5		tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	
4-5	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	Same/Next Day Dismissal	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion
()		photography or recording, the infraction may	
6-8	1-3 day suspensionPolice referral	 3-5 day suspension Police referral	 5-10 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion
		photography or recording, the infraction may	
9-12	• 1-3 day suspension	• 3-5 day suspension	• 5-10 day suspension

• Police referral	• Police referral	Police referralPossible recommendation for
		expulsion
Depending on the content of the photography or recording, the infraction may be considered sexual misconduct.		

HAZING

The district maintains a learning environment that nourishes respect for the individual. Hazing activities of any type are prohibited at all times. Principals will enforce <u>Policy 526 Hazing Prohibition</u>.

Grades	Any Occurrence	
K-12	Consequences for any hazing violation will be determined by school administration based on the results of the	
	investigation as outlined in Policy 526. Such consequences may include, but are not limited to, warning,	
	suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, or remediation. Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for	
	students in Grades K-3.	
	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.	

INSUBORDINATION

Deliberate refusal to follow an appropriate direction or identify self when requested.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
		tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	1 day suspension
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	

6-8	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined 	1 day suspension	1-3 day suspension
	by the principal		
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1 day suspension	1-3 day suspension

OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR

Offensive behavior, such as teasing, name-calling, put downs, inappropriate language, coercive behavior or other mean-spirited behavior is prohibited. This includes the removal of another student's clothing. Depending upon the circumstances, these behaviors could constitute harassment.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges

	• Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal	• Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	lents in Grades K-3
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	1-3 day suspension
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
6-8	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension
9-12	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Detention	1-3 day suspension
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges 		

•	Other appropriate consequences as determined	
	by the principal	

RECORDS OR IDENTIFICATION FALSIFICATION

Falsifying signatures or data, forging notes is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
		tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	
4-5	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension
6-8	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class 	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension

	 Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 		
9-12	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension

ROBBERY OR EXTORTION

Taking property from another person by use of force, threat of force or under false pretenses is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal
	 parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
4-5		<i>tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud</i> Same/next day dismissal	
	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal 	Same/ next day distilissai	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion

6-8	 Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 1-3 day suspension Police referral Restitution 	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Police referral
9-12	 1-3 day suspension Police referral Restitution 	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution	 Restitution 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Police referral Restitution

SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Any behavior that threatens the safety of another person or oneself is not tolerated. Compromising security by propping open doors, letting someone in a secured door or tampering with building security equipment is prohibited.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-12	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	lents in Grades K-3.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Engaging in nonconsensual sexual intercourse, or sexual contact, or indecent exposure with another person, including intentional touching of clothing covering a person's intimate parts, or intentional removal or attempted removal of clothing covering a person's intimate parts or clothing covering a person's undergarments, if the action is performed with sexual or aggressive intent, is prohibited. Taking photos/video in locker rooms or bathrooms or soliciting or distributing, sharing, or showing sexually explicit photos or video of other students, staff, or school community members is prohibited. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) to nonconsensually digitally alter or fabricate sexually explicit images known as "deepfakes" or "deepnudes" is prohibited. Distributing, sharing, or showing AI-altered sexually explicit images or video is prohibited, Parents/guardians/caregivers and students may also make a direct report to the Human Rights Officer/Title IX coordinator about sexual harassment, racially-motivated harassment, or other discrimination governed by district <u>Policy 413</u> and/or <u>522</u>. Reports should be made to:

Molly Viesselman, Director of Human Resources, Human Rights Officer/Title IX Coordinator

Grades	.663.0600 • Email: <u>mviesselman@nor</u> First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota St	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	
4-5	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	1-3 day suspension	3-5 day suspension
6-8	10 day suspensionPossible recommendation for exputePolice referral	lsion	
9-12	 Police referral 10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expu Police referral 	lsion	

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TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATION MISUSE

Misuse of computer equipment or network/deletion or violation of password-protected information, computer programs, data, passwords, or system files; inappropriate accessing of files, directories, internet sites; deliberate contamination of system; unethical use of information or violation of copyright laws is prohibited. It is expected that students will abide by Policy 524-2 Acceptable Use of Technology and Telecommunications Systems By Students. Parents/guardians/caregivers are expected to read and discuss this policy with their child.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence

K-12	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	lents in Grades K-3.

THEFT, RECEIVING OR POSSESSING STOLEN PROPERTY

The unauthorized taking, using, transferring, hiding or possessing the property of another person without the consent of the owner, or the receiving of such property is prohibited. Restitution, when appropriate, will be required. Felony offenses may result in more severe consequences.

	in more severe consequences.	Second Occurrence	Third Oceaning
Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
	Note: Minnesota St	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	ents in Grades K-3.
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	• 1-3 day suspension	 3-5 day suspension Restitution
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class 		

	 Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 		
6-8	 1-3 day suspension Police referral Restitution 	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution	 5-10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Police referral Restitution
9-12	 1-3 day suspension Police referral Restitution 	 3-5 day suspension Police referral Restitution	 5-10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Police referral Restitution

THREAT, DIRECT/INDIRECT

Intentionally making, publishing or conveying in any manner a threat pertaining to an individual or school location is prohibited. Whoever threatens, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another or to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly, vehicle or facility of public transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both. Note to parents who elect to keep students home after authorities have determined the threatening situation to be safe: students staying home after an "all clear" may not return that day for school sponsored or co-curricular activities.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Police referral Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Police referral Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.		
4-5	5 day suspensionPolice referral	10 day suspensionPossible recommendation for expulsionPolice referral	
6-8	 5-10 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion	10 day suspensionRecommendation for expulsionPolice referral	
9-12	Up to 10 day suspensionRecommendation for expulsionPolice referral		

TOBACCO, SMOKING, AND VAPING

Possession or use of tobacco in any form on school property, in district buses or vehicles, or at district events is prohibited. Students who congregate in an area where smoking/vaping has recently occurred (bathroom stall, etc.) will each be considered smoking. This includes the use and/or possession of e-cigarettes, vaping, any electronic nicotine delivery system, liquid nicotine and non-nicotine vaping products.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
К-3	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the
	 coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
		tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	
4-5	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	1-3 day suspensionReferral for chemical evaluation	 3-5 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation
	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 		
6-8	1 day suspensionReferral for chemical evaluationPolice referral	 2-3 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral 	 3-5 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral
9-12	 1 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral 	 2-3 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral 	 3-5 day suspension Referral for chemical evaluation Police referral

TRANSPORTATION

All rules that apply to building and/or classroom behavior shall apply while riding or waiting to ride a school bus. Therefore, students may be administered consequences consistent with other school discipline procedures and in accordance with the district's transportation policies.

Students endangering persons and/or property may lose bus-riding privileges immediately and for an indefinite period. (Policies <u>707</u>, <u>708</u>, <u>709</u>, <u>710</u>)

	Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
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К-3	Parent/guardian/caregiver contacted	Parent/guardian/caregiver contacted	 Parent/guardian/ caregiver meeting 1-3 days off the bus Additional occurrences are individually considered. Students may lose their bus riding privileges for a longer period of time, including the remainder of the school year.
4-5	Parent/guardian/caregiver contacted	Statute prohibits the use of suspension for Parent/guardian/caregiver contacted	 Parent/guardian/ caregiver meeting 1-3 days off the bus Additional occurrences are individually considered. Students may lose their bus riding privileges for a longer period of time, including the remainder of the school year.
6-8	Parent/guardian/caregiver contacted	 Parent/guardian/ caregiver contacted Up to 5 days off the bus 	 Parent/guardian/ caregiver meeting Up to 10 days off the bus Additional occurrences are individually considered. Students may lose their bus riding privileges for a longer period of time, including the remainder of the school year.
9-12	Parent/guardian/caregiver contacted	 Parent/guardian/ caregiver contacted Up to 5 days off the bus 	 Parent/guardian/ caregiver meeting Up to 10 days off the bus Additional occurrences are individually considered. Students may lose their bus riding privileges for a longer period of time, including the remainder of the school year.

TRESPASSING

Presence at any school location without permission of school personnel is prohibited. Students are not to go into other district buildings unless they have permission from the building administrator. Any student on suspension, expulsion or homebound for disciplinary reasons who goes to any school district location without permission is subject to being charged with trespassing and an increase in suspension time.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are
	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the

	following options:	following options:	following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
		tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stud	
4-5	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	Same/next day dismissal	5 day suspension
6-8	• 1 day suspension	• 1-3 day suspension	• 5-10 day suspension
	• Police referral	Police referral	• Police referral
9-12	1 day suspensionPolice referral	1-3 day suspensionPolice referral	 5-10 day suspension Police referral

TRUANCY

Northfield Public Schools have developed attendance policies consistent with current state, and county guidelines. Compulsory attendance policies for students under the age of 18 years will be applied in cases of chronic absences or tardies. Absences or tardies which are not lawful include oversleeping, baby-sitting, missing the bus, staying home to complete class assignments and car trouble. A warning letter will be sent to the parent/guardian/caregiver. A student under the age of 18 years with more than seven unexcused absences may be referred to the student's home county social services programming or Student Attendance Review Board (SARB).

UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

Students in areas that are off-limits or where students are not authorized to be.

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are	Consequences will include but are
	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the	not limited to one or more of the
	following options:	following options:	following options:

	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal
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9-12	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	• Student conference with the principal	• Student conference with the principal	• Student conference with the principal

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UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	District school attendance/diversion plan	District school attendance/diversion plan	District school attendance/diversion plan
	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.
	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.
	Note: Minnesota S	tatute prohibits the use of suspension for stua	lents in Grades K-3.
4-5	District school	District school	District school
	attendance/diversion plan	attendance/diversion plan	attendance/diversion plan
	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.
6-8	District school	District school	District school
	attendance/diversion plan	attendance/diversion plan	attendance/diversion plan
	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.
9-12	District school	District school	District school
	attendance/diversion plan	attendance/diversion plan	attendance/diversion plan
	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.	procedures will be followed.

VANDALISM, MAJOR ACTS

Littering, defacing, cutting or damaging property that belongs to the school district, other students, staff members or other individuals is prohibited. Vandalism is considered "major" when the estimated cost of the damage is \$500 or more. Estimated costs include, but are not limited to, replacement, repair, and cleaning. **Restitution, when appropriate, is applied.**

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Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
	 Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Restitution 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restitution Restriction or loss of school privileges 	 Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restitution Removal from class

	Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal	Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students	 Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal dents in Grades K-3.
4-5 6-8	 5-10 day suspension Restitution Police referral 5-10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Restitution 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral
9-12	 Police referral 5-10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral 	 10 day suspension Recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral

VANDALISM, MINOR ACTS

Littering, defacing, cutting or damaging property that belongs to the school district, other students, staff members or other individuals is prohibited. Vandalism is considered "minor" when the estimated cost of the damage is less than \$500. Estimated costs include, but are not limited to, replacement, repair, and cleaning. **Restitution, when appropriate, is applied.**

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Grades	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence	
K-3	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal or behavior coach Principal or behavior coach phone call to parent/guardian/caregiver Restorative activity Restitution Other appropriate consequences determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal Parent/guardian/caregiver in-person conference with the principal Restorative activity Restitution Removal from class Restriction or loss of school privileges Other appropriate consequences as determined by the principal 	
	Note: Minnesota Statute prohibits the use of suspension for students in Grades K-3.			
4-5	 Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: Student conference with the principal 	 1-5 day suspension Restitution Police referral 	 5-10 day suspension Possible recommendation for expulsion Restitution Police referral 	

	• Parent/guardian/caregiver		
	in-person conference with the		
	 principal Restorative activity		
	Restitution		
	Removal from class		
	Restriction or loss of school		
	privileges		
	Other appropriate		
	consequences as determined		
	by the principal		
6-8	Consequences will include but are	• 1-5 day suspension	• 5-10 day suspension
	not limited to one or more of the	Restitution	• Possible recommendation for
	following options:	• Police referral	expulsion
	• Student conference with the		 Restitution Police referral
	• Student conference with the principal		• Police referral
	 Parent/guardian/caregiver 		
	in-person conference with the		
	principal		
	 Restorative activity 		
	Removal from class		
	Restriction or loss of school		
	privileges		
	• Other appropriate		
	consequences as determined		
	by the principal		
9-12	Consequences will include but are	• 1-5 day suspension	• 5-10 day suspension
	not limited to one or more of the	Restitution	• Possible recommendation for
	following options:	Police referral	expulsion
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			• Police referral
	 principal Parent/guardian/caregiver		
	in-person conference with the		
	principal		
	 Restorative activity 		
	Removal from class		
	• Restriction or loss of school		
	privileges		
	• Other appropriate		
	consequences as determined		
	by the principal		

VEHICLE, UNAUTHORIZED PARKING

(Policy 527 Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections and Searches)

Not having a parking permit or parking a motorized vehicle in unauthorized areas on school property is prohibited. Failure to adhere to parking regulations may result in towing without warning. In addition, students and their entire carpool are subject to temporary or permanent loss of parking permit.

Grades First Occurrence Second Occurrence Third Occurrence
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9-12	Written parking violation warning	Administrative referral-student	Loss of parking permit and/or tow
		must report to office upon receipt of ticket	at owners expense

WEAPONS (EXCLUSIVE OF FIREARMS)

The possession, or implied possession of a real or look alike item which is considered dangerous, illegal, or which is used to imply or possibly cause harm, destruction or disruption is strictly prohibited on school property or at school activities. All occurrences will be reported to the Minnesota Department of Education.

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K-3	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:	Consequences will include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:
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6-8	 3-10 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 5-10 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 10 day suspension Police referral Recommendation for expulsion
9-12	 3-10 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 5-10 day suspension Police referral Possible recommendation for expulsion 	 10 day suspension Police referral Recommendation for expulsion

MULTIPLE/CHRONIC VIOLATIONS & UNIQUE SITUATIONS

A student who accumulates excess referrals or several referrals for serious behavior may be disciplined in light of the student's overall record. The student and parent/guardian/caregiver will have a warning conference with a principal and other appropriate staff members to make them aware that the student is accumulating too many referrals. Any student who has been suspended for violations of the guidelines may be recommended for expulsion upon their return if they commit additional offenses of the same nature.

Discipline situations that arise which are not covered by these guidelines will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Behaviors that are willful and disruptive or potentially harmful are included. Unique or special situations at a particular school may call for an adjustment in the discipline policies to meet the school or district's needs.

ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE INFORMATION

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND PRONE RESTRAINT

The district strictly prohibits corporal punishment and the use of prone restraint by employees or agents of the district. Corporal punishment involves the hitting or spanking of a person with or without an object or any unreasonable force that causes bodily harm or substantial emotional harm. Prone restraint means placing a child in a face-down position. (Policy 507)

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

All disciplinary actions shall be processed pursuant to the district's discipline policy and the requirements of the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act,

- Any student who violates a school policy or rule may be subject to the consequences established in this student citizenship handbook.
- Any student who violates a school policy that has a potential consequence of dismissal from school for more than one school day shall have an informal conference with a school administrator. An informal conference is not required where the student is creating an immediate and substantial danger to themself or to surrounding persons or property.
- Any student who is being dismissed from school for more than one day will be provided written notice containing: a statement of the facts giving rise to the dismissal (including pertinent statements of staff members and the student), the grounds for dismissal, a copy of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act and a plan established for the student's readmission. The parents/guardians/caregivers of the dismissed student shall be provided written notice of the dismissal within 2-3 business days. The notice will include all the elements contained in the student's notice.
- Any suspension that exceeds ten days in length will be accompanied by an explanation to the superintendent listing the reasons why the suspension exceeded ten days in length.

All students who violate a school policy or rule that has potential consequences of exclusion or expulsion will be given the opportunity to have a hearing over the issue of exclusion or expulsion in accordance with Minnesota law. (See Minnesota Statutes 121A.41 to 121A.55.)

CANINE SEARCH - PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The district will conduct periodic searches of the schools and their adjacent parking lots with the assistance of local and county law enforcement officers and drug-sniffing dogs. Each canine unit will be accompanied by at least one school district staff and when possible, the school resource officer.

In the event of a positive identification by the canines, two school personnel will conduct a search of the locker or vehicle in question. If the search reveals unauthorized or illegal items, district personnel may ask that law enforcement finish the search of the locker or vehicle.

A student must unlock a locked motor vehicle or its compartments upon the request of a school official. Failure to do so is a violation of <u>Policy 527</u>.

EFFECT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION ON STUDENT RECORD

Violations and consequences accumulate for the current school year except for chemical violations leading to expulsions.

MODIFICATION OF CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for a specific violation can be adjusted on an individual basis at the discretion of building administration.

PARENTAL COMPLAINTS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT DISCIPLINE

Parents/guardians/caregivers may contact building administration to discuss an infraction and consequence assigned if they have questions regarding the situation. Please refer to <u>Policy 103 Concerns or Complaint Resolution</u>.

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

Physical restraint may be utilized by trained administrators, teachers and other staff as allowed by state or federal law and only where it is necessary to use reasonable force to restrain a student from injuring themselves, others or property.

POLICE REFERRAL

Generally, law enforcement will not be present during an administrator's interview of a student. If a student violates a district policy that also violates a law, the student may be referred to the police. A district administrator may be present during a search and related questioning by law enforcement. Law enforcement and other external agencies are permitted to interview students on campus as described in <u>Policy 519</u>.

PUBLICATION OF DISCIPLINE POLICY

Each school will include the district-wide guidelines along with their building-level guidelines to make up their overall building discipline guidelines. Students and parents/guardians/caregivers will be informed of these guidelines at the beginning of the school year or when they enroll in a district school.

SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCKER POLICY

District <u>Policy 502</u> and the State of Minnesota state that school lockers, desks and other areas assigned to a student are the property of the school. At no time does the school relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for the convenience of students. School authorities for any reason may conduct inspection of lockers at any time, without notice, without student consent and without a search warrant.

The personal possessions of a student within a locker may be searched only when school authorities have reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law or school rules.

As soon as practicable after the search of a student's personal possessions, the school must provide notice of the search to the student whose locker was searched unless such disclosure would impede an ongoing investigation by police or school officials.

SPECIAL EDUCATION OR DISABLED STUDENTS

Consequences for special education or disabled students will be adjusted, as required by federal and state laws and regulations, and the student's individual education plan (IEP) or accommodation, when necessary. Special Education students and their parents/guardians/caregivers may request modification of those policies and accommodations where appropriate.

UNIQUE SITUATIONS

Because it is not possible to list every violation that occurs, those not specified will be responded to as necessary by staff on a case-by-case basis. Unique or special circumstances at a particular school may call for an adjustment in the discipline policies to meet the school's needs.

DEFINITIONS

"Detention" requirements for a student to remain in school or attend school outside normal school hours: Detention does not include withholding recess from students. Detention may be assigned during recess if a student causes or is likely to cause serious physical harm to other students or staff; with written parent permission; or for students receiving special education services, the student's individualized education program team has determined that withholding recess is appropriate based on the individualized needs of the student.

"Dismissal" means dismissing a student from school for less than one school day.

"Exclusion" means an action taken by the school board to prevent enrollment or re-enrollment of a pupil for a period that shall not extend beyond the school year.

"Expulsion" means a school board action to prohibit an enrolled pupil from further attendance for up to 12 months from the date the pupil is expelled.

"Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices" means policies and practices that are alternatives to dismissing a pupil from school, including but not limited to evidence-based positive behavior interventions and supports, social and emotional services, school-linked mental health services, counseling services, social work services, academic screening for Title 1 services or reading interventions, and alternative education services. Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices include but are not limited to the policies and practices under sections 120B.12; 121A.575, clauses (1) and (2); 121A.031, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1); 121A.61, subdivision 3, paragraph (r); and 122A.627, clause (3).

"Parent" means (a) one of the pupil's parents, (b) in the case of divorce or legal separation, the parent or parents with physical custody of the pupil, including a noncustodial parent with legal custody who has provided the district with a current address and telephone number, or (c) a legally appointed guardian. In the case of a pupil with a disability under the age of 18, parent may include a district-appointed surrogate parent.

"Pupil" means any student:

- (1) without a disability under 21 years of age; or
- (2) with a disability under 22 years old who has not received a regular high school diploma or for a child with a disability who becomes 22 years old during the school year but has not received a regular high school diploma, until the end of that school year; and
- (3) who remains eligible to attend a public elementary or secondary school.
 - (b) A "student with a disability" or a "pupil with a disability" has the same meaning as a "child with a disability" under section <u>125A.02.</u>

"Pupil withdrawal agreement" means a verbal or written agreement between a school administrator or district administrator and a pupil's parent to withdraw a student from the school district to avoid expulsion or exclusion dismissal proceedings. The duration of the withdrawal agreement cannot be for more than a 12-month period.

"Removal" means any action taken by a teacher, principal or other school district employee to prohibit a pupil from attending class for a period of time not to exceed five class or activity periods. A student may be removed from class for violating the district's discipline policy or for willful conduct that disrupts the rights of others to an education or which endangers other individuals or the property of the school.

"School location" includes a school building, school grounds, school activities or trips, bus stops, school buses or school vehicles, school-contracted vehicles, the areas of entrances or departure from school premises or events, and all school related functions.

"School personnel" means any person employed or under the direction/assignment of school personnel and who is acting within the scope of their assignment.

"Suspension" means an action taken by the school administration, under rules promulgated by the school board prohibits a pupil from attending school for a period of no more than ten school days. If a suspension is longer than five days, the suspending administrator must provide the superintendent with a reason for the longer suspension. This definition does not apply to dismissal from school for less than one school day, except as provided in federal law for a student with a disability. In no event shall a single suspension exceed 15 school days provided that an alternative program shall be implemented when that suspension exceeds ten days. Students in Grades Kindergarten—Grade 3 are not subject to suspension unless non-exclusionary discipline measures have been exhausted or there is an ongoing serious safety threat to the child or others.

POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

District staff can use the following consequences or actions when discipline infractions occur. These could include:

- Student conference
- Parent/guardian/caregiver conference
- Restorative practices This includes community-building circles, norm setting, and restorative conversations.
- Detention Requirements for a student to remain in school or attend school outside normal school hours.
- Fine A financial penalty assessed on a student by the school.
- **Restitution** Compensation or compensatory service required of a student who has damaged, taken or destroyed school or personal property.
- Truancy referrals Referral to Rice County authorities when unexcused absences exceed the legal limits.
- Removal from class Removal from a particular class for up to five class periods due to inappropriate behavior.
- In-School suspension (ISS) Removal from classes to an in-school suspension room under the direction of staff.
- **Dismissal from school** Dismissing a student from school for less than one day.
- **Out-of-School suspension** Action taken by the school administration, under the district's discipline policy, which prohibits a pupil from attending school. This definition does not apply to dismissal from school for one school day or less. In no event shall a single suspension exceed 15 school days provided that an alternative program shall be implemented to the extent that suspension exceeds ten days. Students may not be on school property during the suspension or they are subject to trespassing. Out-of-school suspension may be served during non-school days at the discretion of the building administrator.
- **Police referral** If a student violates a district policy that also violates a law, the student may be referred to the police.
- School transfer Transfer from the student's home or neighborhood school to another similar district school.
- **Exclusion** Action taken by the school board to prevent enrollment or re-enrollment of a student for a period that shall not extend beyond the school year.
- **Expulsion** Action taken by the school board to prohibit an enrolled pupil from further attendance for up to 12 months from the date the pupil is expelled.
 - Agreement to Withdraw (in lieu of expulsion)– The student and their family and the district sign a document agreeing that the student will enroll in another school district for the duration of the proposed expulsion period. Expulsion proceedings are suspended as long as the student does not attempt to re-enroll in a Northfield district school during that period (up to one calendar year).
 - Abeyance (in lieu of expulsion) The student and their family and the district sign a document agreeing that the student will transfer to the Northfield Area Learning Center for at least the duration of the proposed expulsion period and will abide by the terms and conditions outlined in the abeyance agreement. Expulsion proceedings are suspended as long as the student does not attempt to re-enroll in another district school during that period (up to one calendar year).
 - As the Northfield Area Learning Center is a high school-only program, abeyance is not an option for students in 8th grade and below.
- **Bus suspension** Action taken by the bus contractor in consultation with a school administrator to prohibit a student from riding a school bus or other district vehicles ranging from one day to the balance of the school year.
- Restriction or loss of school privileges
- Suspension from co-curricular activities
- Other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by District No. 659.

EXPELLABLE OFFENSES

While it is the district's belief that action to expel a student should be a "last resort," district policy does include expulsion as a possible or automatic response to several behavioral offenses. The following chart is a quick reference to those offenses. Please see a more detailed description of those offenses and the corresponding responses to them in the earlier pages of this handbook.

 \mathbf{R} – Recommended; \mathbf{P} – Possible; \mathbf{E} – Elementary; \mathbf{H} – High School; \mathbf{M} – Middle School: $\mathbf{N/A}$ - Means not applicable because a recommendation for expulsion was required for a previous violation

Offense	1st	2nd	3rd
Alcohol, Chemicals Possession or Use	NO	YES - P	YES - R
Alcohol, Chemicals Intent to Distribute	YES - R	N/A	N/A
Arson	YES - R	N/A	N/A
Assault, Aggravated	YES - R	N/A	N/A
Assault, Physical	NO	YES – P	YES - P
Bullying	NO	NO	YES - P-H
Burglary	NO	YES - R	N/A
Fighting	NO	NO	YES - P-M-H
Fire Alarm, False	NO	NO	YES - P-M-H
Firearms	YES - R	N/A	N/A
Gang/Threat Group Activity	NO	NO	YES - P-M-H
Harassment and Violence	NO	NO	YES - P
Robbery or Extortion	NO	NO	YES - R-E YES - P-M-H
Sexual Misconduct	YES - P-M-H	N/A	N/A
Theft, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property	NO	NO	YES - R-M-H
Threat, Direct/Indirect	YES - P-M YES - R-H	YES - P-E YES - R-M	N/A
Vandalism, Major Acts	YES - P	YES - M-H	N/A
Vandalism, Minor Acts	NO	NO	YES - P-E-M-H
Weapons	YES - P-MS	YES - P-E YES - P-M-H	YES - R-E YES - R-M-H

TITLE IX AND HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Parents/guardians/caregivers and students may also make a direct report to the Human Rights Officer/Title IX Coordinator about sexual harassment, racially-motivated harassment, or other discrimination governed by district <u>Policies</u> <u>413</u> and/or <u>522</u>.

Reports should be made to:

Molly Viesselman, Director of Human Resources, Human Rights Officer/Title IX Coordinator Northfield Public Schools, 201 Orchard Street South, Northfield, MN 55057 Phone: 507.663.0600 • Email: <u>mviesselman@northfieldschools.org</u>