

- (c) are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and includes
- (d) are migratory children who are living in circumstances described in clauses (a) through (c).

SECTION 5: STUDENT BEHAVIOR

STUDENT DISCIPLINE - Policy 4.17 -

The Forrest City School Board of Education has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the District's students and employees. To help maintain a safe environment conducive to high student achievement, the Board establishes policies necessary to regulate student behavior to promote an orderly school environment that is respectful of the rights of others and ensures the uniform enforcement of student discipline. Students are responsible for their conduct that occurs: at any time on the school grounds; off school grounds at a school sponsored function, activity, or event; going to and from school or a school activity.

The District's administrators may also take disciplinary action against a student for off-campus conduct occurring at any time that would have a detrimental impact on school discipline, the educational environment, or the welfare of the students and/or staff. A student who has committed a criminal act while off campus and whose presence on campus could cause a substantial disruption to school or endanger the welfare of other students or staff is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Such acts could include, but are not limited to a felony or an act that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult, an assault or battery, drug law violations, or sexual misconduct of a serious nature. Any disciplinary action pursued by the District shall be in accordance with the student's appropriate due process rights.

The District's licensed personnel policy committee shall review the student discipline policies annually and may recommend changes in the policies to the Forrest City School Board. The Board has the responsibility of determining whether to approve any recommended changes to student discipline policies.

The District's student discipline policies shall be distributed to each student during the first week of school each year and to new students upon their enrollment. Each student's parent or legal guardian shall sign and return to the school an acknowledgement form documenting that they have received the policies. It is required by law that the principal or the person in charge report to the police any incidents the person has personal knowledge of or has received information leading to a reasonable belief that a person has committed or threatened to commit an act of violence or any crime involving a deadly weapon on school property or while under school supervision. If the person making the report is not the Superintendent, that person shall also inform the Superintendent of the incident. Additionally, the principal shall inform any school employee or other person who initially reported the incident that a report has been made to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board of Directors of any such report made to law enforcement.

Corporal Punishment Opt-Out Form is located at the back of the handbook.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT PROCEDURES

Corporal punishment may be administered by any certified employee of the district to any pupil for disruptive or unmanageable conduct, insubordination, profane, violent, vulgar or insulting language or other conduct that would tend to disrupt the educational process. Except for those acts of misconduct which are so anti-social or disruptive in nature as to shock the conscience, corporal punishment shall not be administered unless an attempt has been made to modify the pupil's behavior by some means other than corporal punishment and unless the pupil has been told that a continuation or repetition of his/her behavior may lead to corporal punishment. The Board directs that corporal (physical) punishment, when deemed necessary, will be administered according to the following requirements:

1. It will be administered in the presence of a school administrator or his/her designee who shall be advised in the presence of the student the reason for the punishment. The student shall have the opportunity to refute the reason. The administrator shall have the authority to make the final decision.
2. It will not be administered in the presence of other students, not in a spirit of malice or anger, nor will it be excessive.
3. It will be administered to the lower posterior only.
4. The principal will be notified when it is administered and a written report

signed by the employee administering the corporal punishment stating the reason for the punishment, the punishment and the name of the witness.

5. The parent shall be informed in writing of the reasons for punishment and the name of the witness.

REFUSAL TO TAKE ANY DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE: If a student refuses corporal punishment or refuses to submit to corporal punishment:

1. Parents will be notified by phone, text, letter or email.
2. The student will be suspended.
3. Upon returning to school, the student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for a conference with the Principal.
4. No class work may be made up due to absences of this nature.
5. In the event a student decides to take suspension rather than accept a discipline procedure, the days missed will be added to the total days a student may miss during each semester.

Arkansas Codes: Offenses and Penalties

In accordance with Arkansas statutes, the following minimum and maximum penalties/consequences are prescribed for the indicated offenses:

Offense	Minimum Penalty	Maximum Penalty
Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening to assault or abuse any school employee; communicating a death threat to any student or school employee.	9-day suspension	Expulsion
Bullying (A.C.A 6-18-514)	Corporal Punishment or Warning depending age of student	Expulsion
Possession of any firearm or other weapon prohibited on school campuses by law or by policies adopted by the school board (A.C.A 6-18-502; A.C.A 5-73-119; A.C.A. 5-73-120)	Expulsion for remainder of calendar year except that the	Expulsion for 1 Calendar Year

Under the influence of, possessing, distributing, huffing, using, offering for sale, or selling, tobacco or tobacco products, beer, alcoholic beverages, or other illicit drugs or look-alike products or inhalants to produce euphoric effect. This includes the inappropriate use or sharing of prescription or over the counter drugs.	Expulsion for remainder of the school year.	Expulsion for 1 Calendar Year
Use of any electronic communication or entertainment device that impedes the educational process, unless such possession has been specifically approved by the principal for medical or other compelling reasons.	Warning	Expulsion
Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing school or private property	Warning & restitution	Expulsion

District Behavioral Standards: Offenses and Penalties: In addition to the offenses listed above, the school district authorizes minimum and maximum penalties for the major and minor violations of the Behavioral Standards as indicated below:

Offenses	Minimum	Maximum
Minor Offenses: Cheating/plagiarism (grades K-8 only), display of affection, dress code violations, falsify signatures or information on official school records, refusal to give identification or give false identification when a staff member requests, gambling, distribution of unapproved petitions or other printed matter, detention violations *computer use agreement violations, possession of any **laser device, ***truancy, violation of established school or classroom rules and regulations which may not be expressly listed in this policy, and other disruptive behavior	Warning *Possible loss of computer privileges **Laser pointers will be confiscated by school personnel ***truant students can not be given out of school suspension	Expulsion
Major Offenses: Arson, assault and/or battery of another student, bullying, threatening to assault or abuse another student, bomb threats/false alarms, terroristic threatening, cheating/plagiarism (grades 9-12 only), disrespect, extortion, false accusation of a district employee, fighting, fireworks, gang-related activities, harassment, hazing, indecent exposure, possession of any look-alike weapon, insubordination, chronic disruption of the educational process and repeated violations of school rules, mob action, profane or obscene language, gestures or behavior, vehicle violations, violation of any statutory or constitutional regulations, and other disruptive behavior	One-day suspension	Expulsion