

Violent and Aggressive Behavior

The Board of Education (the “Board”) for Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) recognizes there are certain behaviors that, if tolerated, would compromise the safe learning environment to which the students and staff of the District are entitled. These behaviors, categorized as violent or aggressive, will not be tolerated.

Students exhibiting violent or aggressive behaviors, or warning signs of future violent or aggressive behaviors, will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action which may include suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with District Student Behavior Guidelines. As appropriate, and in accordance with applicable law and District policy, students may also be referred to law enforcement authorities. At the District's discretion, and when appropriate, the student may receive appropriate intervention designed to address the problematic behavior. The District may also conduct a threat assessment of the student.

Students must immediately report questionable behavior or potentially violent situations to an administrator, counselor, or teacher.

A staff member who witnesses or receives a report of a student’s act of violence and aggression must notify the school director (or designee) as soon as possible.

An act of violence and aggression is any expression, direct or indirect, verbal or behavioral, of intent to inflict harm, injury, or damage to persons or property. A threat of violence and aggression carries with it implied notions of risk of violence and a probability of harm or injury.

An act of violence and aggression includes, but is not limited to, the following behaviors:

1. Possession, threat with, or use of a dangerous weapon — as described in the District’s weapons policy.
2. Physical assault — the act of striking or touching a person, or that person’s property with a part of the body or with any object, with the intent of causing hurt or harm.
3. Verbal abuse — includes, but is not limited to, swearing, screaming, obscene gestures, or threats directed, either orally (including by telephone) or in writing (including by text, social media, or other electronic means), at an individual, their family, or a group.
4. Intimidation — an act intended to frighten or coerce someone into submission or obedience.
5. Extortion — the use of verbal or physical coercion in order to obtain financial or material gain from others.
6. Bullying — as described in the District’s policy on bullying prevention and education.

7. Gang activity — as described in the District’s secret societies/gang activity policy. (JICF: Secret Societies/Gang Activity)
8. Sexual harassment or other forms of harassment — as described in the District’s sexual harassment and nondiscrimination policies.
9. Stalking — the persistent following, contacting, watching, or any other such actions that compromise the peace of mind or the personal safety of an individual.
10. Defiance — a serious act or instance of defying or opposing legitimate authority.
11. Discriminatory slurs — insulting, disparaging, or derogatory comments made directly or by innuendo regarding a person’s disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, religion, ancestry, or need for special education services.
12. Vandalism — damaging or defacing property owned by, or in the rightful possession of, another.
13. Terrorism — a threat to commit violence communicated with the intent to terrorize, or with reckless disregard for the risk of creating such terror, or to cause serious public inconvenience, such as the evacuation of a building.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1(1)(b) (*definition of bullying*)

C.R.S. § 22-32-110(1)(k) (*definition of racial or ethnic background includes hair texture; definition of protective hairstyle*)

C.R.S. § 24-34-301(7) (*definition of sexual orientation, which includes transgender*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

AC: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

JBB: Sexual Harassment

JICDA: Code of Conduct

JICDE: Bullying Prevention and Education

JICF: Secret Societies/Gang Activity

JICI: Weapons in Schools