

CODE OF CONDUCT

In accordance with applicable law and Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions, the principal or designee may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student who engages in one or more of the following activities while in school buildings, on Centennial BOCES property, when being transported in vehicles dispatched by Centennial BOCES or one of its schools, during a school-sponsored or Centennial BOCES-sponsored activity or event, and off Centennial BOCES property when the conduct has a nexus to school or any Centennial BOCES curricular or non-curricular event:

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property, or stealing, or attempting to steal school property of value.
2. Causing, or attempting to cause, damage to private property or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Willful destruction or defacing of Centennial BOCES property.
4. Commission of any act which, if committed by an adult, would be robbery or assault as defined by state law.
5. Violation of the Board's policy on bullying prevention and education.
6. Violation of criminal law which has an immediate effect on Centennial BOCES or on the general safety or welfare of students or staff.
7. Violation of Board policy or regulation, or established school rules.
8. Violation of the Board's policy on weapons in schools. Expulsion shall be mandatory for bringing or possessing a firearm, in accordance with federal law.
9. Violation of the Board's policy on student conduct involving drugs and alcohol.
10. Violation of the Board's violent and aggressive behavior policy.
11. Violation of the Board's tobacco-free schools policy.
12. Violation of the Board's policies prohibiting sexual or other harassment.
13. Throwing objects, unless part of a supervised school activity, that can cause bodily injury or damage property.
14. Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students, Centennial BOCES personnel, or others.
15. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name calling, ethnic or racial slurs, either orally or in writing or derogatory statements addressed publicly to an individual or a group that precipitate disruption of the Centennial BOCES or school program or incite violence.
16. Committing extortion, coercion, or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or other objects of value from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force.
17. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing, to a Centennial BOCES employee.
18. Engaging in scholastic dishonesty which includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
19. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority including deliberate refusal to obey a member of the Centennial BOCES staff.
20. Behavior on or off Centennial BOCES property which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or Centennial BOCES personnel, including behavior that creates a threat of physical harm to the student exhibiting the behavior or to one or more other students.
21. Repeated interference with the Centennial BOCES's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.

22. Engaging in “hazing” activities, i.e., forcing prolonged physical activity, forcing excessive consumption of any substance, forcing prolonged deprivation of sleep, food, or drink, or any other behavior which recklessly endangers the health or safety of an individual for purposes of initiation into any student group.
23. Violation of the Board’s dress code policy.
24. Violation of the Board’s policy on gang and gang-like activity.
25. Violation of the Board’s policy on nondiscrimination.
26. Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a Centennial BOCES employee to law enforcement or to Centennial BOCES.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 18-3-202 et seq. offenses against person
C.R.S. 18-4-301 et seq. offenses against property
C.R.S. 18-9-124 (2) (a) prohibition of hazing
C.R.S. 22-12-105 (3) authority to suspend or expel for false accusations
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (I) policy required as part of safe schools plan
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (9) immunity provisions in safe schools law
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1) (a-g) grounds for suspension, expulsion denial of admission

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
ADC, Tobacco-Free Centennial BOCES
GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
JBB, Sexual Harassment
JIC, Student Conduct
JICA, Student Dress Code
JICC, Student Conduct in Centennial BOCES Vehicles
JICDE, Bullying Prevention and Education
JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students
JICI, Weapons in Schools
JK, Student Discipline
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students

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