TROPICO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK 2022-2023

COMMUNITY RELATIONS CIVILITY POLICY

BP 1313(a)

Members of the district staff will treat parents/guardians and other members of the public with respect and expect the same in return. The district is committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes in keeping schools and administrative offices free of disruptions and preventing unauthorized persons from entering school/district grounds.

This policy promotes mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among district employees, parents/guardians and the public. This policy is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression, but only to maintain, to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free workplace for our students and staff. In the interest of presenting district employees as positive role models to the children of this district, as well as the community, the district encourages positive communication and discourages volatile or aggressive actions. The district seeks public cooperation with this endeavor. (cf. 04I 0. I Recognition of Human Diversity)

Disruptions

- I. Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt school/office operations, threatens the health & safety of students or staff, willfully causes property damage, uses loud and/or offensive language which could provoke aviolent reaction, or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on school district property will be directed to leave school or school district property promptly by the Chief Administrative Officer of the site or designee.
- 2. If any member of the public uses obscenities or speaks in a demanding loud, insulting and/or demeaning manner the administrator or employee to whom the remarks are directed will calmly and politely admonish the speaker to communicate civilly. If corrective action is not taken by the abusing party the district employee willverbally notify the abusing party that the meeting, conference, or telephone conversation is terminated and, if the meeting or conference is on district premises, the offending person will be directed to leave promptly.
- 3. When an individual is directed to leave under such paragraph I or 2 circumstances the Chief Administrative Officer or designee shall inform the person that he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor in accordance with California Education Code 4481 I and penal Code 415.5 and 526.7, if he/she reenters any district facility within 30 days after being directed to leave, or within seven days if the person is a parent/guardian of a student attending that school. If an individual refuses to leave upon request or returns before the applicable period of time, the Chief Administrative Officer or designee may notify law enforcement officials. An Incident Report should be completed for the situations as set forth in paragraphs I and 2.
- 4. The Superintendent or designee will insure that a safety and/or crisis intervention techniques program is provided in order to raise awareness on how to deal with these situations if and when they occur.
- 5. When violence is directed against an employee, or theft against property, employees shall promptly report the occurrence to their principal or supervisor and complete an Incident Report. Employees and supervisors should complete an Incident Report and report to law enforcement, any attack, assault or threat made against them onschool/district premises or at school/district sponsored activities.
- 6.An employee, whose person or property is injured or damaged by willful misconduct of a student, may as the district to pursue legal action against the student or the student's parent/guardian.

Documentation

When it is determined by staff that a member of the public is in the process of violating the provisions of this policy, an effort should be made by staff to provide a written copy of this policy, including applicable code provisions, at the time of occurrence. The employee will immediately notify his/her supervisor and provide a written report of the incident.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Policy

Part of a student's success in school is determined by regular and punctual attendance. Frequent absences lead to poor academic work, lack of social development and possible academic failure. A significant part of the educational program may be derived only from maximum participation in class activities; therefore, absence from school may result in a loss of experiences that cannot be replaced by make-up work. Appropriate attendance is the avenue to prepare for further education, employment, career training, and lifelong learning.

- 1. <u>General Absences</u> -According to law, students will be excused for absence only when it was:
- -due to illness:
- -due to quarantine under the direction of a city or county health officer
- -for the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered
- -for the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of your immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if service is conducted in California, and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California
- -for the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided by law (etc. section 46010)

2. Absence for Religious Purposes

With parent permission, students may be excused to attend religious services away from school. Students will be required to complete a certain number of minutes of work for the day of absence. Such absences are limited to four days per month (etc. section 46014)

3. Absence for Justifiable Personal Reasons

Upon parent request and approval by the school principal, students may be excused from school for justifiable personal reasons such as an appearance in court, observation of a religious holiday or ceremony, attendance at religious retreats, or an employment conference (e.c. section 48205).

4. Unexcused - Truant

A student who is absent for a reason other than above or tardy in excess of 30 minutes or any combination thereof unless excused by a parent and a school official will be declared unexcused/truant. If he/she has been cited for unexcused absences or tardy in excess of 30 minutes or any combination thereof in three instances then he/she is a legal "truant." A student who again is absent without a valid excuse or tardy in excess of 30 minuteswill be considered a "truant repeat" and a 5th truancy or tardy in excess of 30 minutes or any combination thereof will lead to "habitual truant" classification. All absences and tardies must be cleared within three (3) days or it will be considered unexcused/truant and detention will be assigned. All truants will be reported to theappropriate school administrator. Two days of detention for each period cut will be assigned.

Possible additional consequences for students declared truant or that "cut" class are:

- . Community Service
- . Parent, Student, Administrator Conference
- . Referral to SST (Student Success Team)
- . Referral to SARB (Student Attendance Review Board)
- . Citation issued by Kern County Sheriff Department
- . Placement in Alternative Education Program

5. Absenteeism -- Participation in School Activities

If a student is absent, goes home or is late to school because of illness on a day of an activity, game, practice, etc., he/she will not be allowed to participate in the activity on that calendar date. Doctor and dental appointments are exceptions to this rule. If a student must be absent on the day of an activity and he/she wishes to remain eligible to participate in an activity, he/she must get prior approval from a school administrator the day before the absence.

PROCEDURE FOR RE-ADMITTANCE

- 1.On the day of the absence call the school during school hours and notify the attendance clerk of the reason for the absence during school hours. Be sure to state the students' name, your name, and your relationship to the student.
- 2. Write a note and send it with the student the day he/she returns to school. Please include the following:
 - a. Student Name
 - b. The date(s) student was absent
 - c. The reason for the absence
 - d. Your signature and relationship to the student.
 - e.An admit slip from the attendance clerk must be obtained by a student prior to the start of school in the morning. Students who appear at the Attendance Window after the bell rings for first period will be assessed a tardy.
 - f. When a student does not bring a note for his/her absence or tardy, on the 3rd day after their return, the absence will be viewed as a truant and he/she will be assigned detention.

TARDIES

A tardy is being late to school and/or late to class. *All* students are expected to be at school and in class on time. Students who have excessive tardies are subject to disciplinary procedures including meeting with an attendance review board. Tardies of 30 minutes or more are considered truant.

MAKE UP WORK DUE TO ABSENCES

- 1. Excused Absence -According to the Calif. Ed. Code 48205. A student absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students are given two daysper each day of absence (maximum of 5 days regardless of the length of absence) to make up missed assignments upon returning to school. Upon satisfactory completion, the student shall be given the credit earned. Students who are absent for several days during the last three weeks of a grading period may receive an "I" for incomplete. The "I" reverts to an "F" or other grade directed by the teacher after two weeks if work or exams are not completed. 2. Unexcused Absence -Calif. Ed. Code 48913: The teacher of any class from which a student is
- suspended will decide whether or not the pupil will be allowed to complete any assignments and tests missed during the absence.
- 3. Absence due to school activities: If a student participates in school-sponsored activities (ASB, athletics, music, and others), the student should make arrangements with teachers before the student leaves for the activity.

PASSES

Students are not to be out of classes during class time without a pass signed by a staff member. The official hall pass is in this daily planner. You must have your planner at all times if a pass is to be written. Hall pass privileges may be withheld when the hall pass form is completely filled each week. No student in any class is permitted to leave the room during the class period and before the bell rings at the end of the period unless he/she has a pass.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL

If a parent/guardian wishes to pick up their student during school hours, please proceed to the office and the front office clerks will assist you. When requesting an emergency designee pick up your child, please write a note or call to inform the attendance clerk. School personnel cannot release a student to anyone who is not named on the Health/Emergency Card. All persons signing out students must provide picture identification for verification. Parent notes

and phone calls are subject to verification. It is very important for the parent/guardian to consider emergency and custody issues when completing the Health/Emergency Card. The Health/Emergency Card can be updated at any time during the school year.

8th GRADE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Southern Kern Unified School District Attendance Policy for 8th and 12th Grade Students

Attendance Requirement for participation in Middle School Promotion and High School Graduation Ceremonies and End of the Year Activities.

The Southern Kern Unified School District has a 92% (<u>no more than 14 days of absence</u>) Attendance Policy that must be met during the 8th grade/senior year for participation in Graduation/Promotion Ceremonies and all End of the Year Activities.

- 1) Students must be in class at least 92% (<u>no more than 14 days of absence</u>) of the 8th grade/senior year in order to participate in Graduation/Promotion Ceremonies and all end of the year/senior activities.
 - a. 3 (three) tardies of 30 minutes or more equals one full day's absence.
 - b. 3 (three) tardies of less than 30 minutes equals one period of absence.
 - c. Suspensions count as an unexcused day of absence.
- 2) This is not an excused/unexcused absence policy. It is an Attendance Policy.
- 3) It is up to the student to bring in verification from the doctor or the court for an exemption; otherwise the absence will count against the policy. Verification must be brought within 3 (three) school days following the absence.

This Attendance Policy is effective for the following schools of the Southern Kern Unified School District.

Southern Kern Unified School District

Abraham Lincoln Independent Study Rare Earth Continuation High School Rosamond High Early College Campus Tropico Middle School

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

The parent/guardian will notify the school in writing or by phone 48 hours prior to the students last day. Please provide the office with the name of the next school/town. On the morning of the last day of attendance the student will need to report to the office to pick up a withdrawal sheet. The student is to have all teachers report the current grade and initial the withdrawal sheet. All books must be returned and fees must be paid prior to records being sent to the student's new school. Any student withdrawn prior to the last 10 days of a semester will be issued transfer grades (not semester grades).

The Steps to Transfer to and from Alternative Education are as follows:

- 1. Administration approval is required Students transferring to and from traditional schools must first meet with their current school site administration and complete the appropriate transfer forms.
- 2. All students and parents must meet with the Alternative Education principal for a conference prior to enrollment.

- 3. An IEP must be held prior to an identified Special Education student is transferred to an Alternative Education program.
- 4. Transferring students may only transfer class credits that are traditionally offered during the appropriate year at the traditional school.
- 5. Transfers (return) to a comprehensive school must be within two (2) weeks of the beginning of a semester. Alternative Education 8th grade students and seniors may only transfer back to a comprehensive school at the beginning of the Fall Semester. (Students and parents/guardians must arrange an appointment with the traditional school administration prior to the actual transfer.)
- 6. Rosamond High School will accept no more than 45 credits per semester.
- 7. Students may be referred to Opportunity School/Alternative Education for discipline, attendance, or academic deficiencies.

STUDENT ILLNESS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

A student who becomes ill during class should ask the teacher for a pass to the main office. If a student becomes ill between classes, he/she should report directly to the main office and inform the office staff immediately. For the protection of your child's health and welfare, we ask that parents fill out and return to school an updated Emergency Information Card (e.c. section 49408). All efforts will be made to notify the parents prior toreleasing students to an emergency designee listed on the emergency card. If necessary, the paramedics may becalled and their recommendation will be followed.

STUDENT ACCIDENTS

- 1. If a student is injured at school, a teacher or supervisor should be notified immediately. If a student has a minor injury, ask the classroom teacher for first aid assistance. All accidents must be reported to the office.
- 2. If a student is seriously ill or injured, the parent/guardian will be notified. If they are unavailable, the designee listed on the Health/Emergency Card will be contacted. The student will be released only to the parent/guardian or designee as listed on the Health/Emergency Card.
- 3. Every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian or designee listed on the Health/Emergency Card before emergency transportation is made. It is important that all address and phone number changes be reported to the office as soon as they occur.

STUDENT WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

- 1. If a student must take prescription or over the counter medication during the school day, a Physician's Authorization Form needs to be completed by a doctor and placed on file in our school's office. Physician's Authorization forms can be obtained in the school office.
- 2. It is the student's responsibility to come into the office to take the medicine under the supervision of office personnel.
- 3. The school will not provide students with any medication.
- 4. Medical excuses from Physical Education: To excuse your child from PE due to a medical reason, please write a note, explain the request, sign, and date and have your child bring the note to the office. The note will excuse the student for up to three (3) days. If the student needs to be excused for a longer period of time, he/she must have a note from a doctor with the duration of excuse and activity to be excused.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Our school has a closed campus. A student may not leave campus without permission. Permission must be obtained in writing by the office. All visitors to school must be approved by the school administration and mustregister in the office. All visitors on campus must wear a Visitor's Permit issued by the office. Parent visitations of classrooms are encouraged but must be with the approval of the school administration and arranged 24 hoursin advance. Student visitors are not allowed.

LOITERING

Non-students (not members of our school's student body) who are loitering on or about the school premises shall be instructed to leave and may be referred to law enforcement agencies. Students (members of the student body) who are present on or adjacent to the campus that are not in their assigned classrooms during the school day are considered truant as well as loitering. Students on suspension or legitimately absent from school who

are present on or adjacent to campus when not authorized are loitering. Students who are continually loitering or who are habitually truant from school or class may face school and or law enforcement disciplinary consequences.

SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event of severely inclement weather, school may be closed or starting time delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate early dismissal. School closing, delayed starting time or early dismissal will be announced over the following radio

stations: FOX SPORTS -610 AM KAVC -1340 AM KIIS -97.7 FM

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

DISCIPLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

It is the school's obligation to provide a safe and effective environment for the learning process. Therefore, we require a standard of behavior from all students in Southern Kern Unified School District.

- . Each student has the right to learn.
- . Each teacher has the right to teach.
- . Students, staff, and parents/guardians have the responsibility to support each other.

BEHAVIOR CODE

The following is acceptable behavior and is expected of all students in the Southern Kern Unified School District:

- . Respect the dignity, welfare and material goods of all.
- . Accept direction and cooperate with the principal, teachers, and all other staff members.
- . Complete all assignments to the best of your ability.
- . Use acceptable behavior and language.
- . Attend school regularly and on time.
- . Come to school prepared to learn.
- . Comply with all classroom and campus rules.
- . Help keep the grounds and facilities clean and free of debris.
- . Be a good citizen Treat others, as you want to be treated.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The type of disciplinary action taken for minor offenses will be determined by school site administration depending on the circumstances and severity of the offense. Consequences include but are not limited to the following: counseling by administration, detention, parent notification, restorative justice (campus clean-

up, writing assignments, mediation, etc.), in-house suspension, suspension (at home), and/or transfer to an alternative placement.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

School District personnel are obligated to keep the school free from disruptive behavior. Teachers will inform parents and students of academic and behavioral expectations for their classrooms (keep a signed acknowledgement).

- 1. Teachers will handle classroom misbehavior.
- 2. Teachers will counsel students about behavior and contact parents. Parents shall be held responsible for the willful misbehavior of their children as indicated by Section 1714.1 of the Civil Code and Education Code 48904.
- 3. Teachers will refer students to the office if inappropriate behavior continues, after documenting behavior modification attempts and results. Additionally, teachers must hold a parent conference to attempt to address misbehavior with both the student and the parent/guardian.

CLASSROOM/SCHOOL RULES

Teachers will post their individual classroom rules, which will include;

- 1. Expected student academic and social behavior;
- 2. No food or drink (except a water bottle) will be allowed in the classroom;
- 3. No chewing gum.
- 4. No Profanity.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

When a student commits a suspendable or expellable offense under Education Code 48900, he/she will move to the school wide discipline system. He/she will receive a referral. The student will meet with the Principal ortheir designee concerning the violation. The parent/guardian will be notified to become an active member to help solve the student's behavior problem.

IN-HOUSE SUSPENSION

At the discretion of an administrator, a student may be assigned on-campus In-House Suspension. The student is to bring all their supplies. Students who are assigned In-House Suspension are not eligible forayschool activity that day.

SUSPENSION

Suspended students may not attend any school activities, or be on any SKUSD property during their suspension period. Students suspended on a Friday will be ineligible for all weekend activities. Parents will be contacted when their child has been suspended. When a student has been suspended off campus, parents will need to make arrangements for transporting their child home from school. It is the parents or students responsibility to requestwork which may or may not be given at the teachers' discretion.

EXPULSION

Expulsion is a permanent stop of all school activities for the student. The student may not go to school in SKUSD for the term determined by the Board at an expulsion hearing. The student may not go to any activity on any District property, including games, dances, and promotion/graduation exercises.

HARASSMENT

Harassment is uninvited behavior that makes being in the school offensive, negative, unfriendly and/orintimidating and leads to a hostile environment that makes learning difficult. Any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature is sexual harassment.

Harassment often goes unreported. Reporting is the only way to get help. What can be done? Tell the harasser to stop, talk in a clear firm tone of voice. Call for help. Ask for help from teachers, staff, administrators andyour parents. Report the problem on the day it happens by making a written incident report in the main office immediately.

RELEASE OF STUDENT TO PEACE OFFICER

If a school official releases your child from school to a peace officer for the purpose of removing him/her from the school premises, the school official shall take immediate steps to notify you or a responsible relative of your child, except when a student has been taken into custody victim of suspected child abuse. In those cases, the peace officer will notify the parent or guardian. (e.c. section 48906)

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Parent/guardians are liable for all the damages caused by the willful misconduct of their minor children that result in death or injury to other students, school personnel, or school property. Parents are also liable for anyschool property loaned to the student and willfully not returned. Parent/guardians' liability may be as much as \$10,000 in damages and another maximum of \$10,000 for payment of a reward, if any. The district maywithhold the grades, diplomas, or transcripts of the student responsible until such damages are paid or the property returned or until completion of a voluntary work program in lieu of payment of money. If your child commits an obscene act or engages in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupts school activities, or otherwisewillfully defies the authority of school, and is suspended for such misconduct you may be required to attend a portion of a school day in your child's classroom under Education Code 48900.1.

STUDENT SEARCH

We reserve the right to search student belongings that are brought on to our campus. This includes backpack, purses, etc... Cars that are parked in the school parking lot are subject to search. The school principal or designee may search a student including backpack, purse, etc...if there is a reasonable suspicion to believe the student may have a concealed weapon, narcotics, stolen property, or contraband.

DISASTER DRILLS

Throughout the time we are together, emergencies may occur. Many of those emergencies are individual andmost of the student body will not be involved, but sometimes there are emergencies that take the cooperation of all persons. For that reason, we take drills seriously. Drills will be practiced on a regular basis. Students are toquietly and cooperatively follow the directions of their teacher to their assigned area on the field. Do not talk toother students at any time during a drill or emergency. Students who misbehave during drills will be disciplined quickly.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) need to discuss the importance of drills and how the family will handle such emergencies at school and at home. There is no need for students to be frightened, but they must also take the drill seriously. They will never know at the onset if the alarm is a drill or an emergency. Students need to act as if the drill is a real emergency. When and if there is a real crisis, we will make sure that each student is as safe as possible until we can make the environment safe or get him/her home. If there is a community emergency, the schools will become the disaster centers and students will be held at their school. In most emergency situations at school, the routine is to get people out of buildings until it is safe for them to re-enter. It is likely that during an emergency, students may be on the fields for an extended period of time. Sometimes it takes as long as 2 hours to clear all the facilities. If this will cause health problems for the student, please indicate so on the Health/Emergency Card. Provide the school with medication or immediate access to someone who can be contacted.

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT DRESS CODE

Dressing for Success is the expectation for Southern Kern Unified School District students. Our student dresscode emphasized good grooming and appropriate dress. Southern Kern focuses on learning. Studies indicate Dressing for Success leads to improved grades and/or achievement. Students' self-expression does not exceed the limits of good taste. Administration reserves the right to modify the dress code as needed. Students are expected to follow the dresscode. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension. In the event the student cannot remove a piece of inappropriate clothing, the parent will be contacted to bring other clothes to school for their child. The dress code will be enforced while the student is on any campus in our district, during field trips, and while at before/after school activities, including athletic events.

DRESS CODE GENERAL GUIDELINES

Student dress shall not disrupt the educational process. This includes student dress that is hostile to or constitutes a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of themselves or others. Clothing shall be recently laundered and mended as to resemble its original appearance. Appropriate personal hygiene is expected of all students. If conflict arises regarding appropriateness of student dress, site administration shall be the final decision maker. Students will not wear clothes or other articles that:

- Are obscene, sexually explicit, or satanic
- Suggest sexually related gestures, obscene and/or offensive gestures, pictures or wording
- Promote violence, the use/abuse of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol
- Represent gangs, racist groups, and/or groups on campus not officially sanctioned by the school district
- Are associated with youth gangs or adverse groups.
- Pose a threat to the physical and/or emotional well-being and safety of the student or others on campus or at school sponsored activities.

Hats and Headgear

Only Southern Kern USD's school-sponsored headgear is allowed in grades K-12.Hats/visors must not have any extra writing on the outside or inside. Students will not wear headgear inside Southern Kern buildings and/or during school sponsored activities. Hats/visors, etc. are to be worn brim forward at all times. Bandanas, wave caps, head/hair wraps are not allowed. Only school-site sponsored or colored beanies are allowed. Hats or headgear in violation will be confiscated.

Shirts and Blouses

Students shall not wear halter-tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube tops, see-through blouses, low-cut tops (neckline may not go below the armpit line), or any shirt that exposes the midriff or the back. Button-up shirts cannot be worn with just the top button/s fastened. Sleeveless, white, undershirt-styled tanks are not allowed. Undergarments must not show below, above or through clothing. Shirt and blouse shoulder straps must be atleast 1/2 inch wide. Only Rosamond community (youth sports, AYSO, etc.) or school sponsored jerseys are allowed. Shirts and blouses must be long enough to cover the torso while standing or in the sitting position. Shirts must be tucked in if they are longer than the bottom of the front pocket opening/hip joint area.

Belts

Students' belts are to be worn appropriately, with the end of the belt tucked in the belt loop (not hanging down). Belt buckles with letters or writing shall not be worn at school. Overly large and/or heavy buckles are not allowed.

Pants, Shorts, and Skirts

Pants, shorts, or skirts shall not be oversized at the waist and may not be worn below the student's hips (no bagging/sagging). No pajama/lounge-style pants are allowed. A student's underwear shall not be visible above his/her pants, shorts, or skirts.

- All pants, Shorts, and skirts shall have an evenly sewn bottom hem and if pants, shorts, or skirts have holes or rips there must be coverage underneath the clothing. Parents will be responsible for bringing an appropriate change of clothing.
- Pants must be able to stay at waist without belt.
- Overalls are to be worn with both straps buckled and over both shoulders at all times. They are not to be oversized. Suspenders shall be worn over both shoulders at all times.
- Hemlines of shorts, skirts, skorts, etc. shall not be more than 6 inches above the top of the kneecap.

Footwear

Students shall wear shoes at school at all times. Shoes may not have open backs. Steel-toed shoes, slippers, slides, flip flops, and shoes that contain wheels are not allowed. Sandals must have toe and heel straps.

Jewelry

Jewelry other than earrings, finger rings, and simple necklaces or simple facial jewelry shall not be worn. Jewelry may not dangle or protrude more than 1/2 inch, for safety reasons. "Hooped" earrings may not have an opening larger than 1/2 inch, for safety reasons. All jewelry shall be removed during physical education classes.

Accessories

- Students shall not bring perfume or make-up to school.
- Styling implements (combs, etc.) not designed to stay in the hair shall not be worn in the hair.
- Chains, spikes, and safety pins are not allowed at school.
- Body piercing that is disruptive to the educational process or poses a safety hazard to the student or to others is not allowed.

Additional Guidelines

- Graffiti on a student's clothes, body, notebook, or school assignments is not permitted. If assignments are turned in with gang-style writing or with graffiti on them, they may be returned to the student with no grade until they are completed with an appropriate style of writing.
 - Socks must not cover the calf of the leg when worn in combination with shorts that extend below the knee.
- Pants cannot be worn with one leg up and one leg down.
- Excessive color identities worn in the color of red and/or purple, blue and/or green, black and/or gray or orange (in combination with other gang attire) are prohibited.
- Bandanas, red or blue belts, red or blue shoelaces, or rags that commonly signify gang identity by style or colors are prohibited.
- Clothing or articles of clothing (including, but not limited to gloves, bandannas, shoestrings, wristbands, jewelry) those are likely to provoke others to acts of violence or which are likely to cause others to be intimidated by fear of violence may not be worn on campus or at any school activity.

The Southern Kern Unified School District and its schools reserve the right to update and revise the dress code as needed throughout the year to adapt to changing styles/fads or dress-related issues. Prior notice will be provided prior to any changes.

STUDENT PROPERTY

Backpacks, folders, purses etc., which display or are obscene (pictures/words), sexually suggestive or promote the use of an illegal activity (drugs, tobacco, alcohol, gangs) are not allowed at school.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Devices (radios, boom boxes, games, amplifiers, IPods, MP3 players, etc.) are not permitted at school (E.C. 48901).

1st offense will cause the device to be confiscated and returned to student at the end of the school day; **2nd offense** will be confiscation and return of device to parent only;

3rd offense will be confiscation; return of item to parent only and a parent conference will be scheduled. Student possession of cellular phones, pagers and other electronic signaling devices on school campuses, at school-sponsored activities, and while under the supervision and control of school district employees is permitted under the circumstances described below:

Written parent/guardian permission must be on file in school office, giving student permission to carry the electronic signaling device. Students may use these devices prior to entering campus and after school ends. These devices must be kept out of sight and turned off during the instructional program. Students may not use electronic devices on the bus. Unauthorized use of such devices disrupts the instructional program, distracts from the learning environment, and distracts from orderly behavior on the bus. Therefore, unauthorized use is grounds for confiscation of the device by school officials, including classroom teachers. Camera cell phones are not permitted on school grounds during the school day. Repeated unauthorized use of such devices may lead to disciplinary action.

ACADEMIC GUIDELINES

GRADING POLICY

The standard for the school grading policy has been set by board policy. Teachers grading policy will be outlined in the course syllabus given at the beginning of the school year. Students are given grades according to the percentage of work satisfactorily completed. This may include, but is not limited to, daily class work, homework, tests, class participation, and projects. Each student will receive a grading policy from each teacherduring the first week of school. A student may receive an "I" for an incomplete grade if special circumstances have made it impossible for the student to complete the class work. The student has two weeks to make up the work. If the work is not completed, the grade will automatically change to an "F". If the work is made up, the grade will be computed accordingly and no penalty will be given.

TYPES OF ACADEMIC REPORTS

All Quarterly report cards will be mailed to the student's current mailing address on file. It is important to report all additions or deletions of a post office box change of address, or phone number(s) to the office.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Students will receive a Progress Report after the 4th week of each quarter. Only students who are in danger of failing will receive progress reports by mail. The purpose of the Progress Report is to alert the student and parent/ quardian to possible danger of failure.

<u>OUARTERLY REPORTS</u> Quarterly Reports are issued at the nine or ten week mark and will be mailed home

SEMESTER REPORTS Semester Reports are the official grades that are recorded for transfer grades to other schools and are permanent records. Semester Reports are issued in January and June. Semester grades are evaluated for retention and promotion.

HONOR ROLL

An Honor Roll list will be published at the end of each quarter. The following criterion is used: Superintendent's Honor Roll: 4.0 GPA (straight A's)

Principal's Honor Roll: 3.0 to 3.9 GPA

CONFERENCES

The parent/guardian of a student may request a conference at any time. Teachers need 48 hour notice. Conferences are made before and after school. Southern Kern Unified School District encourages the student toattend the conference with their parent/guardian. Parent/guardian must call the school to make an appointment. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 17, 2019 from 1:00-4:00 P.M. and 5:00-8:00 P.M. We encourage all parents to come to this conference. Quarter 1 report cards will be given out this evening or mailed home the following day.

TOOLS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORTS/CHECK-IN SYSTEM

Parents/guardians wanting weekly updates on their student's progress may request in writing a Weekly Progress Report packet. The purpose of these reports is to indicate whether the student performed satisfactorily or unsatisfactorily the previous week (a C-or lower is considered unsatisfactory). Letter grades and percentages are optional and the teacher may or may not include them on the report. It is the student's responsibility to get the report signed by his/her teachers. Weekly Progress Reports are completed on Tuesday's only.

Please remember that Parents have access to (Parent portal) you can look your son's/daughters grades. Also, the assignments they have turned in and what is coming up. Students may also be placed on a "Check In" System. This may be daily or weekly and students would meet with an assigned staff mentor.

ASSIGNMENT SHEETS This planner provides the student with a framework to record all daily assignments. The student is to write the assignment in the appropriate box, the teacher may also

initial the box. Parents/guardians need to check and sign the Assignment Sheets each evening to ensure that the student has completed all assignments.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Southern Kern Unified School District works with various counseling services to help provide services for our students. Counseling is held in small group or individual setting during regular school hours based on need for qualifying students. If you wish your child to be referred for this service, please contact the assistant principal at the school site.

STUDENT STUDY TEAMS - **S.S.T**. This is a program, which provides a framework for teachers and the parent/guardian to assist the student displaying difficulty in academic and/or social situations. If you feel that this would be a benefit to your child, contact your child's teacher or school site administration to request a S.S.T. meeting.

LIBRARY

The library is available for the student's reading pleasure and research needs. The library rules and hours will be posted and students are expected to adhere to those rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in denial of library privileges.

LAPTOP/TEXTBOOK

All students will be issued a laptop during the first week of school. Students will sign a contract for their laptops, which will be kept on file in the I.T office. At Tropic Middle School some classes will have class sets of textbooks. -Students are responsible for the textbooks/laptop that are issued to them and must pay for their replacement, if lost, or for any damage that occurs. Students will be fined up to \$100 for lost/damaged laptops/textbooks.

- Students must not leave their textbooks/laptop unattended.
- Students will keep textbooks/laptop covered at all times.
- Students must carry their laptop/charger and other materials in a book bag or backpack.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Using their Laptops in a responsible and ethical manner.
- Obeying general school rules concerning behavior and communication that apply to laptop
 use.
- Using all technology resources in an appropriate manner so as to not damage school equipment.
- Helping SKUSD protect our technology systems by contacting any staff member about any security problems they may encounter.
- Turning off and securing their Laptop after they are done working to protect their information and device.
- Keeping their laptop in a safe, secure environment when not in use.
- If a student should receive inappropriate digital content, he/she should immediately notify an adult.
- ** Consequences left to Administration and I.T.

STUDENTS ACTIVITES STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

- Illegal installation or transmission of copyright materials
- Any action that violates existing board policy or public law including: sending accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials, plagiarism, including accessing sites, selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student work
- Changing of laptop settings (exceptions include personal settings such as font size, brightness, etc.)
- Downloading apps
- Changing the wallpaper or screen saver
- Spamming-sending mass or inappropriate emails
- · Gaining or allowing access to another student's accounts, files, and/or data
- Use of the school's internet/e-mail accounts for financial or commercial gain or for any illegal activity
- Use of anonymous and/or false communications

- Students are not allowed to give out personal information over the Internet-with the exception of teachers-directed instances.
- Participation in credit card fraud, electronic forgery or other forms of illegal behavior.
- Vandalism (any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software or data, including, but notlimited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or computer programs that can infiltrate computer systems and or damage software components) of school equipment will not be allowed
- Transmission or accessing materials that are obscene, offensive, threatening or otherwise intended to harass, demean, or bully recipients.
- One user account with specific privileges and capabilities has been set up on each Laptop for the exclusive use of the Student/Borrower to which it has been assigned. The Student/Borrower agrees to make no attempts to change or allow others to change the privileges and capabilities of this user account.
- Bypassing the TMS web filter through a web proxy is strictly prohibited.

HOME INTERNET ACCESS

• Families are encouraged to set up wireless networks at home to use on the Laptops. Students are not required to have Internet or wireless internet access at home. All student textbooks and workbooks are available without Internet access.

SAVING TO THE LAPTOP/HOME DIRECTORY

• Students must save their work on their laptops. Students should save all of their files to their My Documents folder.

DOWLOADING AND PERSONALIZING THE LAPTOP

- Only the SKUSD IT Dept. can download programs to the Laptop.
- Students are only allowed to stream videos during the school day if directed by an instructor. Live streaming impacts the limited bandwidth available to the District.
- Stickers and other markings on the Laptop will not be allowed. Each Laptop is easily identified by a specific numbering system ("Asset Tag") that is placed on the Laptop by the District. Lids are especially dangerous. Do not put a bottle of water/soda/etc. in your bag or backpack with the laptop even if the liquid is sealed.

ACCEPTABLE USE

• The use of the Southern Kern Unified School District's technology resources is a privilege, not a right. The privilege of using technology resources provided by SKUSD is not transferable or extendible by Students to people or groups outside the District and terminates when a Student is no longer enrolled in SKUSD. This policy is provided to make all users aware of the responsibilities associated with efficient, ethical, and lawful use of technology resources. If a person violates any of the User Terms and Conditions named in this policy, privileges may be terminated, access to the school district technology resources may be denied, and the appropriate disciplinary action shall be applied. The Discipline Policy of SKUSD and/or Tropico Middle School shall be applied to Students infractions. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension/expulsion for students. When applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

STUDENT PLEDGE FOR LAPTOP USE

- Your laptop is an important learning tool and is for educational purposes only.
 In order to takeyour Laptop home each day, you must be willing to accept the following responsibilities:
- I will take good care of my Laptop. I will keep my laptop charged.

LOST OR DAMAGED LAPTOPS/TEXT BOOKS/LIBRARYBOOKS

Students are expected to treat all school materials with care and respect. Student will be charged the full replacement cost of new books including tax, and shipping & handling. Lost or damaged laptops will also result in a fine for the student. Damages to laptops/textbooks will be assessed per incident and determined by Administration/ASB Clerk. Non-payment of fines may result in report cards and/or transcripts being withheld until payment are made. Payment will only be accepted in the form of cash, check, or money order/cashier's check.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Co-curricular/Extra-curricular activities include all school sponsored activities that students may or may not receive grades for participation, including: athletics, dances, field trips, competitions, reward trips, etc... Students must meet all academic, citizenship and attendance eligibility requirements. **TROPICO**

PROMOTION CRITERIA

All credit deficiencies from previous years must be made up for promotion.

- 1. Students must earn a passing grade each semester in all core academic subjects for the year. (English, Mathematics, Science, and History.)
- 2. Student must pass at least one semester of Physical Education and Elective course for the year.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

To participate in School activities as defined above, eligibility is based on both academic achievement and citizenship. In order to be eligible for School Activities and Athletics/Band students must tum in "Receipt of Student Handbook" that is signed by both the student and the parent.

- 1. Academic on track for promotion (no F's in one of the four core classes, this excludes progress reports),
- 2. Citizenship-The student must be at offense 2 or below at the time of the activities and have no suspensions for CODE OF CONDUCT within the last 30 days. Please refer to page 21 of student handbook.
- 3. Attendance-Attend school on the day of the activity or the Friday prior to a weekend activity. Tardies- Students with excessive tardies (20+) may be ineligible to attend school activities.
- 4. All fines/debts must be paid, including cafeteria charges, lost/damaged books, etc.(this applies to end of year activities).
- 5. Students not picked up 30 minutes after the activity will not be allowed to attend the following dance unless their parent volunteers to chaperone the following dance.
- 6. Administration has the right to exclude students who they feel may pose a safety issue.
- 7. Bus Tickets-Students must not have an active bus ticket at the time of activity if the activity requires school transportation.

TROPICO ATHLETIC/BAND REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Academic -Maintain a 2.0 GPA based on quarter or semester grades and no F's.
- 2 Students may not be allowed to participate in any athletic/Band activity **if suspended during that time period**. 3 Attendance -Attend school on the day of the activity or the Friday prior to a weekend activity.

DANCES

Students who are eligible may attend school dances. A student may not return to the dance once he/she has left. School dances are for students from the school-site only, unless stipulated by the school prior to the dance. School personnel, along with additional security as needed, will supervise each dance. Students are expected to follow the guidelines given in the Southern Kern Unified School District Dress Code, unless announced prior to the dance. Students not picked up 30 minutes after the dance will not be allowed to attend the following dance unless their parent volunteers to chaperone the following dance.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Southern Kern Unified School District welcomes all parent/guardian to volunteer at our schools. We typically need volunteers at activities such as sporting events, dances, and fundraisers. You may contact our school office for further assistance.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If a student must take medication (prescription or over the counter) during the school day, a release form must be obtained from the office and returned with a doctor's signature. The school will not provide students with any medication (prescription or over the counter) without medical release from their doctor. It is the student's responsibility to come into the office to take medication under the supervision of office personnel. If a doctor prescribes medication to be kept with a student at all times (asthma inhaler) the parent and student must make an appointment with an administrator to review and sign the "Permission to Self-Administer Medication at School" Form. Students are not permitted to

carry or self-administer medications without appropriate forms signed and on file in the office. Students in possession, distributing and/or self-administering medications without the appropriate form(s) on file may face disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion.

MEDICAL EXCUSES FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To excuse your child from PE due for a medical reason, please write a note that includes an explanation of the request, the date, and parent signature and have your child bring the note to the office. The note will excuse the student for up to three (3) days. If the student needs to be excused for a longer period of time, he/she must have a note from a doctor with the duration of excuse and activity to be excused.

FUNDRAISERS

Payment will only be accepted in the form of cash, check, or money order/cashier's check. It is not recommended you send your child to school with large sums of cash. Non-school fund-raiser items cannot be sold on campus, including Boy Scouts, Little League, Youth Sports, Religious organizations, etc...

MESSAGES

Parents may leave messages or items in the front office. Except in emergencies, class will not be interrupted for personal messages. Balloons, birthday gifts, etc. will not be distributed to classrooms.

SCHOOL LIABILITY

The Southern Kern Unified School District does not carry liability insurance for damage or vandalism to andloss of personal possessions that are brought to the school grounds. This applies to vehicles and their contents. This also applies to attendance at athletic events, school functions, and business during the school day. The district provides reasonable security measures for school-related functions.

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS/ROLLER BLADES/SCOOTERS

Bicycle parking area is provided for the students. Students must provide a lock and lock the bicycle during the school day. Students may not ride their bicycle on campus. Upon entering the gate, the student must get offhis/her bicycle, walk it to the parking area and secure it. When retrieving the bicycle unlock it and walk it offcampus. Skateboards and scooters are not allowed on campus. If a student brings one of these items on campus it will be confiscated and returned to the parent upon request.

LOST AND FOUND

All lost or found articles should be turned in at the office. Check with the office staff if you have lost or found personal property. Lost articles not claimed at the end of the year will be given to a charitable organization. Found books will be sent to the library.

ID PHOTOGRAPHS/CARDS

Annual school pictures will be taken in August. All students must have their picture taken. This picture will be used for the students' ID card and the photo for school yearbook. Students must have a current student ID cardbenter any student only activity – dances, sport events, etc. Any student who does not have a current studentID card will not be admitted to the activity. If a student loses their ID card, a new student ID card will be made. A fee will be charged for each additional card: \$5.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BULLETIN

Announcements are read at the beginning of 1st period each day. Students are encouraged to pay attention to the items read.

FOOD SERVICE

The Child Nutrition Department is an integral part of the education process by providing daily nutrition to the students. Meals are served in the cafeteria to provide students with a choice of meals. The Cafeteria serves nutrition and a full hot lunch, including a salad bar. Snacks are sold in the ASB Store during lunch. Child Nutrition can be reached at 256-5000, ext. 1301.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES/RULES

1. Eligibility of Pupil for Home-School Transportation

- a. Any regular day school pupil enrolled in the Southern Kern Unified School District (SKUSD) who lives within the boundaries of the District and who boards a bus at a regularly established bus stop is eligible for transportation to and from school. Minimum distances will be established, based on district policy.
- b. Pupils coming to school for the purpose of enrolling or going home after regular withdrawal from school may be transported. No one shall be transported merely for the purpose of

visiting the school.

c. Pupils shall be permitted to ride on regular home-school bus runs to and from school of attendance from the established bus stop nearest their residence.

2. Individual Requests for Non Home-School Transportation

a. No student is to ride any bus other than the one to which he/ she is assigned except in an extreme emergency. When such an emergency does arise, the signed permission by the parent as well as the signed permission of the adult who is to receive the pupil must be in the hands of the Transportation Supervisor in advance of the proposed trip. The Transportation Supervisor shall give permission only after verifying compliance with the fore-going procedure, and on a seats available basis. A special transportation permit will be issued if approval is granted.

3. <u>Eligibility of School Pupils Not Enrolled in Schools Maintained by the District for Home-School Transport</u>

- a. Pupils attending private school within the operating boundaries of SKUSD may be transported by buses belonging to the District under the following conditions:
 - 1. There is space available on the bus.
 - 2. Established bus routes are maintained.
 - 3. There is no additional expense incurred to the District. Pupils transported under this policy may be denied transportation when all bus facilities are needed for transporting "in-district" pupils.

4. <u>School Transportation will not be provided for students other than "Home to School" and "School to Home".</u>

(Example: When a student is to go to a stop other than his/her own, the parents must provide transportation. The bus drivers will not accept notes, and the student will be sent to his/her bus.

SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT

The purpose of this regulation is to increase the safety and wellbeing of the persons and property of students while in transit on school operated vehicles. It is in compliance with Title V, Sec. 14263 of the Administrative Code as quoted below:

"Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations."

PROCEDURE DEALING WITH STUDENT CONDUCT

- 1. Acts threatening the wellbeing of persons and property shall be classified as major and minor offenses. Any act not mentioned in this policy committed by a student while in transit, which in theopinion of the bus driver is a hazard to the safety of either person or property, shall be classified as a major or minor offence by the bus driver and be subject to the provisions of this policy.
- 2. Bus drivers are expected to make early use of this policy, thus avoiding repeated vocal statements while in transit.
- 3. The withholding of transportation privileges from a student shall not start earlier than the morning run on the day following the date the violation was committed unless the principal assumes the responsibility for providing transportation for the student involved from school to home on the date of the reported violation. (Exception: if the incident occurs before the student has boarded the bus at the home-bus stop of the student, the bus driver may refuse transportation privileges.)

The withholding of transportation privileges and suspension from school for periods longer than 10 days may be instituted by Board action upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Transportation supervisor. In order to allow the parent to appeal the action, disciplinary penalties for periods longer than 10 days will beginthe morning after the day of occurrence, but when parents have appealed for a hearing

and not received a hearing within 10 days, the child will be allowed transportation until the parents have had a hearing with the Board of Trustees provided that further violations of bus riding rules does not occur. All parties will follow normal appeal procedures.

PROCEDURES

Warnings shall be completed in triplicate, first copy to the student, second copy to the principal and third copy to the Transportation Department. Additional information concerning the reported incident may be written on the back of the copy for the Transportation Department. In the case of an appeal, this information will be made available to the parent of the student concerned. Tabulation of warnings shall be made to the Superintendent at the end of each quarter. Items to be included are the bus number on which they occur and the nature and frequency with which they occur. Administration shall be responsible for the collection of reimbursement to the school for damage to school property.

BUS SAFETY RULES

RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THIS SHEET APPLY TO REGULAR HOME-SCHOOL BUS RIDERS.

- 1. Arrive at the bus stop not more than 5 minutes before the scheduled bus arrival. While going to and from the bus stop and while waiting for the bus, keep out of street and off private property. Noise, rowdy behavior, and property damage at the bus stop could cause stop to be moved to a possibly more inconvenient location.
- 2. Board and leave the bus in an orderly manner. Do not push other students. Follow driver's instructions concerning seating location and unloading procedure.
- 3. Be seated promptly. Move over promptly and cheerfully to share the seat with fellow bus riders.
- 4. Always sit facing the front of the bus. Remain seated when the bus is in motion. Do not change seats without permission of the driver. Do not "save" seats for others.
- 5. Keep head, hands and arms inside the bus at all times. Do not yell out of the windows to others outside of the bus.
- 6. Keep hands off other people and their possessions. Animal, insects and reptiles are not permitted on the bus.
- 7. Glass containers, skateboards, large musical instruments and other large bulky items that cannot be carried on a student's lap are prohibited on the bus. (Pupils should arrange for parents to transport such items when required)
- 8. Cooperate with the driver. No talking to the driver while the bus is in motion; however, report any emergency to the driver.
- 9. Bus aisle must be kept clear of books, lunches, musical instruments, etc.
- 10. Help keep the bus clean. Students are not to eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus. Sunflower seeds are forbidden.
- 11. Students must wear shoes and shirts at all times. No open cosmetics or aerosol cans are permitted. Backpacks are to be carried on the bus and placed on the floor or in the students lap.
- 12. Obscene or profane language, smoking or lighting matches are not permitted on the bus at any time.
- 13. Students will be responsible for their individual behavior. It is not possible for a driver to watch all the students at all times; therefore, saying "somebody else was doing it, too," does not exempt a misbehaving student.
- 14. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your home. Damage to seats, windows and other parts of the bus are unnecessary and costly. The student responsible will pay for any damages.
- 15. Remember that loud talking, loud laughter or unnecessary confusion divers the driver's attention and could result in an accident. "QUIET ZONES" around the schools will be strictly enforced. Students are made aware of these areas.
- 16. Tape players, radios, playground equipment (bats, balls, racquets, hula-hoops, etc.) are not permitted on the bus.
- 17. Students living across a street upon which the bus is stopped to unload them should cross only when the driver indicates that it is safe to do so. Students must cross in front of the bus and walk straight across the street.

PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION OF TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES

When a rider is guilty of misconduct, he/she will be reported to the principal of his/her school and

a written notice of unsatisfactory conduct will be sent home with the student to the parent, which must be signed and returned to the driver before the student will be permitted to ride the bus. A MINOR offense shall include, but is not limited to, the following: not remaining seated, turned around in seat, changing seats, loud conversation, singing, whistling, or distracting noises, calling to people outside the bus, boisterous conduct, eating, chewing gum, not keeping all parts of the body inside the bus.

PROCEDURES FOR DENIAL OF TRANSPORTATION BY THE TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR FOR MINOR OFFENSES SHALL BE AS FOLLOW:

- A. 1st Notice WARNING Notice of UNSATISFACTORY CONDUCT sent to parent by the student. The notice must be signed and returned before the student is permitted to ride any District bus.
- B. 2nd Notice Transportation suspended pending parent conference with the Transportation officials. (This can be accomplished through a telephone call.) Student will be permitted to ride the bus the next school day with a signed notice. NOTE: Conferences are NOT held at the bus stop. C. 3rd Notice Transportation denied for three (3) school days.
- D. 4th Notice Transportation denied for five (5) school days. Parent conference with the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent or designee required.
- E. 5th Notice Transportation denied for ten (10) school days. Parent conference with the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent or designee required.
- F. 6th Notice Board action required. Student will be denied transportation for remainder of the year if steps A-E have not shown improvement in the student's behavior.

A MAJOR offense shall include, but not limited to, the following: insubordination, fighting, profanity, vulgarity, obscene gesture, abusive language, smoking, and the use of tobacco, fire or matches in any manner. Talking or unnecessary noise at a railroad crossing, improper behavior at a "redlight" crossing, throwing ANYarticle in or out of the bus, possession or use of guns, knives or controlled substances.

PROCEDURES FOR DENIAL OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A MAJOR OFFENSE INCLUDES BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. 1st Notice to the parent. Transportation denied for three (3) school days.
- B. 2nd Notice Transportation denied for five (5) school days. Parent conference with the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent or designee required.
- C.3rd Notice Transportation denied for ten (10) school days. Parent conference with the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent or designee required.
- D.4th Notice Board action required. Student will be denied transportation for the remainder of the year if steps A-C have not shown improvement in the student's behavior.

NOTICES FOR MINOR AND MAJOR OFFENSES MAY BE COMBINED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BUS DRIVER.

SKUSD Discipline Matrix

Please refer to the SKUSD Levels of Response-Interventions and Consequences Menu when determining options for interventions and/or consequences.

**The specific Intervention and/or consequence for major offenses will be determined by SKUSD administration.

Minor offenses will be determined by either the classroom teacher and/or administration.**

MINOR OFFENSES		Minor offenses include, but are	not limited to the following:		
First Offense Second Offense	Level 1 or 2 of SKUSD Levels of Response Level 2 of SKUSD Levels of Response	Breaking classroom or continuous continuous continuous continuous case case case case case case case cas	on one or more classes after coming t signment	o school)	
Third Offense	Level 3 of SKUSD Levels of Response	9. Loitering in off-limits area(s) 10. Profanity, obscenity, or abusive language or gestures. 11. Any act which disrupts the normal educational process 12. Play Fighting/Horseplay			
Fourth Offense	Level 4 of the SKUSD Levels of Response				
MAJOR OFFENSES- 48900 (a) to (t)					
(a)(1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened	Possible Intervention-	Possible Intervention	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions-	
to cause physical injury to another person.	Conflict resolution	Parent/Student/ Admin	School Counselor referral	 Referral to alt ed. programs 	
Consequences based on severity	Parent Phone Contact (document call)	Aumin	Possible schedule change	eu. programs	
Secondary (6-12)	Refocus form Possible Consequences- Check in System	Possible Consequences • Behavior Contract	Possible Consequences- Suspension Admin review Restrict activity- athletic	Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Refer to	
(a)(2) Willfully used force or violence upon the			ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	deputy Possible Interventions-	
person of another, except in self-defense.			School Counselor referral	Referral to all ed. programs	
Consequences based on severity			Possible Consequences- • Suspension	Possible	

		Admin review	Suspension
		Restrict activity-	Suspension Referred for
		athletic	expulsion
		ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	Refer to deputy
		Possible Interventions-	deputy
(b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)		School Counselor referral Confiscation of weapon Random admin checks Suspension Admin review Random admin checks Restrict activity-athletic ineligibility,extracurricular activities	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Refer to deputy
(c) Possessed, used, sold, otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance, alcohol, or an intoxicant of any kind.	Possible Interventions- • Parent /student meeting	Possible Interventions- School Counselor referral	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs
Consequences based on severity	 Random admin checks 	Possible Consequences- • Suspension	Possible Consequence-
Secondary (6-12)	Suspension Random admin checks	Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	Suspension Referred for expulsion Refer to deputy
(d) Offered, sold, arranged or negotiated to sell	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions-
any controlled substance or alcohol, or something represented as such.	 Parent /student meeting 	School Counselor referral	Referral to alt ed. programs
Consequences based on severity	 Random admin checks 	Possible Consequences-	
Secondary (6-12)	Possible Consequences- Suspension Random admin	 Suspension Admin review Restrict activity- athletic 	Possible Consequence Suspension Referred for expulsion

				Some cases refer to deputy
(e) Committed or Attempted to Commit Robbery or Extortion. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)		Possible Interventions- Parent /student meeting Random admin checks Possible Consequences- Suspension	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
(f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	Possible Interventions Restorative circle Parent contact Possible consequences- Restrict activity Clean up damage Behavior impact letter	Possible interventions- SST referral parent/ teacher admin meeting Behavior contract Restorative practice/PBIS Possible consequences- Clean up damage Suspension Restitution for damages Restrict activity	Possible Interventions If continues-MH referral Possible referral to alt. ed. Restorative circles Possible consequence Consequences from behavior contract Suspension Restitution for damages Admin review Restrict activity-athletic ineligibility,extracurricular activities	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy Restitution for damages
(g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	Possible Interventions Restorative practices Parent contact Possible consequences Behavior Impact Letter Restrict activity	Possible Interventions- Parent /student meeting Random admin checks Restorative Practice/PBIS Behavior contract SST referral Possible Consequences- Suspension	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy

(h) Possessed or used tobacco or any products containing tobacco or nicotine. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	Possible Interventions	Possible Interventions	Possible Interventions Refer to counselor Tobacco/nicotine aversion Behavior contract Possible Consequences Dispose of confiscated item Parent/admin conf. Lunch detention Restrict activity-athletic ineligibility,extracurricular activities	Possible Intervention More intensive counseling Possible Consequences Suspension
(i)(1) Committed an obscene act or engage in habitual profanity or vulgarity. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	Possible Interventions Restorative Practices Contact parents Profanity- replacement vocabulary Possible consequences Campus beautification Apology letter	Possible Interventions Behavior Contract Restorative Practices/PBIS SST Referral Parent/admin meeting Possible consequences Restrict activity Lunch detention	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
(i)(2) Committed an obscene act or Verbal Assault Toward School Authority. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)		Possible Interventions	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
(j) Offered, sold, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)		Possible Interventions	Possible Interventions- School Counselor referral Possible Consequences-	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence-

(k) Disrupted school activities or willfully defied the valid authority of school officials. (Beginning in July 1, 2020 students K-8 shall not be suspended and student K-12 may not be recommended for expulsion for these offenses, except as provided in section 48910) Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	Possible intervention Restorative Practice/PBIS Counseled by admin Parent contacted	Parent/admin meeting Possible consequences Restrict activity 1- 3 day Suspension Possible intervention Restorative Practice/PBIS Behavior contract Parent/admin/teacher mtg	3-5 days Suspension Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities Possible Interventions Counselor referral SST referral Possible Consequences (9-12) Suspension	Suspension Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy Possible Consequences 3-5 days suspension (9-12) Admin panel review
(I) Knowingly received stolen school property or	Possible Interventions	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions-
private property.	Restorative practices	Parent /student	School Counselor	Referral to alt
	Parent contact	meeting	referral	ed. programs
Consequences based on severity		 Random admin 	Parent contact	Possible Consequence
Secondary (6-12)	Possible consequences	checks	Possible Consequences-	Consequence-
,	Behavior Impact Letter	Restorative	Suspension	Suspension
	Restrict activity	Practice/PBIS	Admin review	 Referred for expulsion
		Behavior contract	 Restrict activity- 	Some cases
		SST referral	athletic	refer to
		Possible Consequences-	ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	deputy
		Suspension	Curricular activities	, ,
(m) Possessed an imitation firearm that is		Suspension	Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions-
substantially similar to a real firearm.			School Counselor	Referral to alt
			referral	ed. programs
Consequences based on severity			Parent contact	Possible
Secondary (6-12)			Possible Consequences-	Consequence-
Octomulary (0-12)			 Suspension 	 Suspension
			Admin review	Referred for
			Restrict activity-	expulsion
			athletic	Some cases refer to
			ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	deputy
(n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual			Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions-
assault or battery.			School Counselor	Referral to alt
,			referral	ed. programs
Consequences based on severity			Parent contact	Possible
Secondary (6.12)			Possible Consequences-	Consequence-
Secondary (6-12)			Suspension	 Suspension

(o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness in a disciplinary matter. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)		Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities Possible Intervention Parent/Student/ Admin Conflict resolution School Counselor referral Possible schedule change	Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy Possible Interventions Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion
		Possible Consequences	Refer to deputy
(p) Offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	Possible Interventions Behavior Contract Restorative Practices/PBIS SST Referral Parent/admin meeting School Counselor referral Possible consequences Restrict activity 1- 3 day Suspension	Possible Interventions- Behavior Contract/review Restorative Practices/PBIS SST Referral/review Parent/admin meeting School Counselor referral Possible Consequences- 3-5 days Suspension Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
(q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing as defined in Section 32050.	Possible interventions-	Possible Interventions- School Counselor	Possible Interventions- • Referral to alt
Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	 PBIS/restorative practices Parent/admin/student meeting 	referral Parent contact Possible Consequences-	Possible Consequence- Suspension

		Possible Consequences: Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	 Suspension Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- 	Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
(r)(1) Engaged in an act of bullying- any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications in writing or electronic act. Consequences based on severity	Possible Interventions Restorative practices Parent contact Possible consequences Rehavior Impact Letter	Possible Interventions- Parent /student/admin meeting Restorative Practice/PBIS Behavior contract	Possible Interventions- School Counselor referral Parent contact Possible Consequences- Suspension	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension
Secondary (6-12)	Behavior Impact Letter	SST referral Possible Consequences Suspension	 Suspension Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities 	Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
(r)(2) Bullying by "Electronic Act"- creation or transmission originated on or off the school site by means of an electronic device. Consequences based on severity	Possible Interventions Restorative practices Parent contact Possible consequences	Possible Interventions- Parent /student/admin meeting Restorative Practice/PBIS Behavior contract	School Counselor referral Parent contact Possible Consequences- Suspension	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension
Secondary (6-12)	Behavior Impact Letter	SST referral Possible Consequences- Suspension	 Suspension Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities 	Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
(r)(3) Act of Cyber Sexual Bullying- the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)			Possible Interventions-	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension 3-5 days Possible referral expulsion Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy

(s) A pupil shall not be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in this section unless that act is related to school activity or school attendance.	While on school grounds 2. While going to or coming from school 3. During lunch period (whether on or off campus) 4. During or while going to or coming from a school sponsored activity			
(t) A pupil who aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)	Possible Intervention-	Possible Intervention Parent/Student/ Admin Possible Consequences Behavior Contract	School Counselor referral Possible schedule change Suspension Admin review	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for
Ed. Code Violations 48900.2-48900.7 48900.2 Committed Sexual Harassment			Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	expulsion • Refer to deputy
Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)			School Counselor referral Parent contact Possible Consequences- Suspension 1-3	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension 3-5 days
			days Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	Possible referral expulsion Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
48900.3 Caused or Attempted to Cause or Participate in Hate Violence Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)			School Counselor referral Parent contact Possible Consequences- Suspension 1-3 days	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension 3-5 days

		Admin review Restrict activity- athletic ineligibility,extra- curricular activities	Possible referral expulsion Referred for expulsion Some cases refer to deputy
48900.4 Created, an intimidating or hostile environment by engaging in harassment, threats, or intimidation (Grades 4-12) Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)		Passible Intervention Parent/Student/ Admin Conflict resolution School Counselor referral	Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Possible
		Possible schedule change Possible Consequences Behavior Contract Suspension Admin review Restrict activity-athletic ineligibility,extra-	Suspension Referred for expulsion Refer to deputy
48900.7 Terrorist Threats Against School Personnel or Property Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)		curricular activities	Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion Referret to
Ed. Code Violation 48915	Grades TK-12		deputy
Possessing, selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm. Consequences based on severity Secondary (6-12)			Possible Interventions- Referral to alt ed. programs Possible Consequence- Suspension Referred for expulsion

	Refer to deputy
Brandishing a knife at another person.	Possible Interventions-
Consequences based on severity	Referral to alt ed. programs
Secondary (6-12)	Possible Consequence-
	Suspension Referred for
	expulsion Refer to deputy
Selling a controlled substance	Possible Interventions-
Consequences based on severity	• Referral to alt ed. programs
Secondary (6-12)	Possible Consequence- Suspension
	 Referred for expulsion Refer to
	deputy
Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or battery	Possible Interventions- ● Referral to alt
Consequences based on severity	ed. programs
Secondary (6-12)	Possible Consequence-
	Suspension Referred for
	expulsion ● Refer to deputy
Possession of an explosive	Possible Interventions-
Consequences based on severity	• Referral to alt ed. programs
Secondary (6-12)	Possible Consequence-
	 Suspension Referred for expulsion
	Refer to deputy