

# 2016 - 2017 Code of Student Conduct

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Our goal is to work together to provide a quality education and safe environment for all students. We know that providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students is essential to student learning.

## **Dangerous Objects or Devices**

A student shall not possess, handle or transport dangerous objects or devices.

- Students are not to be in possession of any type of dangerous objects or devices on
  District School Board of Pasco County school, campus, at any school functions, or on
  any school sponsored transportation. These may include, razor blades, box cutters,
  common pocketknives, air soft guns, mace/pepper spray, chemicals or toy/imitation/lookalike weapons or similar items.
- Possession of a dangerous object or device will result in disciplinary action, which may
  include out-of-school suspension. Use of a dangerous object or device in a careless or
  threatening manner may result in more severe consequences as detailed in the district's
  Discipline Matrix and elsewhere in district policy and procedure.

#### Drugs and Other Illegal Substances

The use of illegal substances and drugs, including alcohol, is harmful to students and detrimental to the educational process. Use, distribution, and/or possession of these substances will not be tolerated on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function, school sponsored event or on any school sponsored transportation. Students found in possession of controlled, illegal substances (including alcohol), pills, or any other drug or drug look-alikes will be dealt with severely.

Consequences may include, but are not limited to, counseling services, suspension, and/or law enforcement intervention. Students selling and/or distributing illegal substances to others will face probable expulsion from school. The School Board may, however, waive the expulsion if the student:

- Provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the supplier of the controlled substance
- Discloses voluntarily his unlawful possession of the controlled substance prior to arrest.
- Enrolls in and successfully completes a state licensed drug abuse program.

(F.S. 1006.09)

The first alcohol/drug possession or alcohol/drug use discipline will result in referral to TOOLS program and 5 days OSS. If the student does not successfully complete the TOOLS program, they will serve an additional 5 days of OSS (for 10 days total).

Students concerned about their own substance use and/or that of friends and family should contact their school counselors or other staff member for information and referral for help.

## **Harassment and Bullying**

Harassment or bullying of students or staff is an extremely serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct. It can also be a violation of criminal law. The District will not tolerate unlawful bullying and harassment in schools or school campuses, school sponsored buses, school-related or school-sponsored events, or through the use of data or computer software that is accessed through a computer, computer system, or computer network of the district. The physical location or time of access of a computer-related incident cannot be raised as a defense in any disciplinary action initiated pursuant to this policy.

**Harassment** means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or employee that:

- Places a student or employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of school

**Bullying** means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or school employees. It is unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by an adult or student, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; is carried out repeatedly and is often characterized by an imbalance of power; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation; and may involve but is not limited to: Unwanted teasing or taunting, social exclusion, threat, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, theft, sexual religious - racial/ethnic harassment, public humiliation, destruction of property.

Violations of this policy should be immediately reported to the principal or designee as soon as possible after the alleged incident. The principal or designee will promptly investigate reports of bullying or harassment. If the investigation finds an instance of bullying or harassment has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate remedial and/or disciplinary action.

#### **Unlawful Harassment**

The District School Board of Pasco County does not tolerate unlawful harassment on any of the prohibited bases, including sex/gender, race, color, national origin, religion, age, marital status and disability. Any student who believes he or she has been subjected to unlawful harassment, including sexual assault, gender-based harassment, or other sex-based harassment should immediately report the unlawful harassment to the principal or designee. The District is committed to taking immediate action to eliminate the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and reduce its effects. Students found to have engaged in acts of unlawful harassment will be subject to prompt disciplinary action. Students, parents, and staff are encouraged to work together to prevent unlawful harassment. Please contact District School Board of Pasco County Equity Manager/Title IX Coordinator: Sandy May, Office for Employee Relations at (813) 794-2322 with concerns.

#### **Teen Dating Violence and Abuse**

Dating violence and abuse shall be defined as emotional, verbal, sexual, or physical abuse of a

student who is in a current or was in a past dating relationship by the other person in that dating relationship. Abuse may include insults, coercion, social sabotage, sexual harassment, stalking, threats and/or acts of mental, physical or sexual abuse. It may also be a pattern of demeaning, coercive, abusive actions that amount to emotional or psychological abuse. Dating violence and abuse may also include abuse, harassment, and stalking via electronic devices such as cell phones and computers, as well as harassment through a third party.

Any student who is the victim of an act of dating violence and abuse, or has cause to believe that s/he is in immediate danger of becoming the victim of an act of dating violence and abuse, should report the matter to the principal or to any member of the school staff.

Any resident of the community or other member of the school community, including students, parents, volunteers, and visitors, who observes an act of dating violence and abuse perpetrated by one student against another, or who has reason to believe that a student is a victim of dating violence and abuse is encouraged to report the matter to a school administrator. These reports can be made either in person or anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay at <a href="http://crimestopperstb.com">http://crimestopperstb.com</a> (1-800-873-TIPS).

The Board reserves the right to investigate a report of dating violence and abuse regardless of whether the student who is allegedly the victim of the dating violence and abuse wants to pursue the matter. Further, the Department of Children and Families shall be notified if the student who is found to have perpetrated the act of dating violence and abuse is eighteen years of age or older and the student who was the victim of the act of dating violence and abuse is a minor. (F.S. 1003.42, 1006.148)

#### Hazing

The District School Board of Pasco County prohibits hazing activities of any type and at any time, whether in school facilities, on school property, and/or off school property, if the misconduct is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school property.

"Hazing" means any action or situation that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student at a school with any of grades 6 through 12 for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a school with any grades 6 through 12. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to:

- Pressuring, coercing or forcing a student into: Violating state or federal law; consuming any food, liquor, drugs, or other substance; or participating in physical activity that could adversely affect the health or safety of the student.
- Any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding or exposure to the elements

Hazing does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competition or any activity or conduct that furthers a legal and legitimate objective.

Acts of hazing, unlawful harassment, teen dating violence, bullying and harassment shall be addressed and may result in disciplinary action and/or civil and criminal penalties in accordance with the law. If the principal or designee determines that a student has committed such an act, violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension,

assignment to another school or program, recommendation for expulsion, or referral to law enforcement as defined in the Discipline Matrix and elsewhere in district policy and procedure. (F.S. 1006.135)

# **Major Disruption on Campus**

Defined as a major disruption of all or a significant portion of campus activities, school-sponsored events, and school bus transportation, as well as disruptive behavior that poses a serious threat to the learning environment, health, safety, or welfare of others.

#### **Examples**

- Closure of all or part of the school
- Student or other making bomb threat
- Student engaging in disruptive behavior that causes the bus driver to stop the bus to ensure the safety of the group
- Student or other causing an incident that results in closing the cafeteria
- Student or other inciting a riot
- Student or other pulling a fire alarm
- Student or other deliberately crashing the school computer system
- Student or other causing an incident that prevents other students from proceeding to the next class or prevents egress

## **Non-examples**

- Disruption of a single classroom
- Student defying authority
- Student talking loudly on a moving bus

#### **Placement Review Committee**

F.S. 1003.32 gives teachers the authority to remove a student from a class for the remainder of the school year under any of the following circumstances:

- Who has been documented by the teacher to repeatedly interfere with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn
- Whose behavior the teacher determines is so disobedient, disrespectful, violent, abusive, uncontrollable, or disruptive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn
- Who has threatened personal harm or property damaged against the teacher or teacher's family

Within five (5) days of the teacher's removal of the student, the principal or designee will either return the student to the teacher's class with the teacher's agreement or will determine a more appropriate placement of the student. If the teacher and principal or designee cannot agree on a decision, a Placement Review Committee will determine the appropriate class for the student. The placement review committee may return the student to the original class if they determine

that such placement is the best or only alternative. The teacher may appeal the committee's decision to the Superintendent.

Placement options; however, are limited by program eligibility requirements, School Board policies, and state and federal laws. In no instance shall a student's right to due process be compromised.

## **Respect and Civility Policy**

The District School Board of Pasco County believes that a safe, secure, nurturing and civil environment is essential to accomplishing its mission to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.

This policy promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all district employees, students, parents and the general public. The policy is not intended to deprive any person of his or her right to freedom of expression. Rather, it is intended to maintain, to the extent that is possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free environment for students, families, and staff, that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening or aggressive behaviors.

- District staff will treat students, parents, fellow staff members and members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return
- District staff will not conduct business with those who use obscenities or otherwise speak in a demanding, loud, insulting or threatening manner
- Volatile, hostile or aggressive actions and words will not be tolerated, and individuals
  who engage in these activities may face penalties up to, and including, criminal
  prosecution

(F.S. 1001.41, 871.01, 1006.145)

#### **Responsible Electronic Use Rules for Students**

I have access to the Internet, school networks, district provided electronic accounts, email, and electronic devices and other "electronic resources" so I can:

- Expand my learning
- Communicate with others about what I am learning
- Research topics for class projects or for my personal learning
- Create products highlighting my learning
- Learn how to be a responsible and productive digital citizen

- Electronic devices include but are not limited to computers, netbooks, iPads, iPods, tablets, cell phones, cameras, and other electronic devices that allow me to create and communicate.
- I am responsible for all my online activities that take place through the network connection with my school's devices, electronic accounts, email, or through access with my own personal electronic devices.
- I am responsible for obeying all laws, including copyright. This also means I may not use the District logo or other District-owned content on my personal posts.
- I do not have the right of privacy when accessing the Internet or network while at school.
- Communicating electronically includes using my camera and cell phone to communicate visually.
- When communicating electronically, I should ask myself: Is it safe? Is it kind? Is it respectful? Is it appropriate?
- I do not have an absolute right to take, publish/post photographs or videos of others at school, as it may impact their individual rights of privacy.
- Bullying or harassing someone either in person or electronically is wrong, violates the Code of Student Conduct, and is against the law.
- Information I find on the Internet is not necessarily true or accurate.
- There are filters to prevent access to inappropriate information, but no filter is perfect. Every user must take responsibility for his or her use of the network and Internet and avoid objectionable sites, content and communication.
- The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store, without prior notice, information about the content and usage of internet, school networks, district issued electronic accounts, email and electronic devices. Students should have no expectation of privacy over matters sent or received through such electronic resources.
- I can learn more about being a responsible digital citizen at http://www.safeflorida.net/safesurf

#### Here's what I agree to do as a responsible and productive digital citizen:

- I will follow all school rules and laws when using electronic devices at school.
- I will not damage equipment, upload harmful files, damage files, delete files, or access someone else's account or files because it impacts others.
- I will keep my password to myself and will not share it with others.
- I will not search for or try to access obscene, harmful, or inappropriate material.
- If I accidentally access inappropriate materials, I will close the window and tell a responsible adult.
- I will not post or send hurtful, offensive or inappropriate material.
- I will behave honestly, fairly, and with integrity when posting online, including my social networks.
- I will follow rules of network etiquette, and I will be polite when communicating with others electronically. I will not use bad language or access messages from others who use bad language.
- I will not post or share pictures of others without their knowledge and approval.
- I will stay safe and will never meet or give out personal information such as my name, phone number, or address to someone I meet on the Internet without the express permission of my parents and/or teachers.
- I will discuss my online activities with my parents so they understand how I am learning to be a digital citizen.

- My teachers and administrators have the right to access whatever I do online while in school if they are concerned about my safety or the safety of others.
- I will not use others' work without permission or without citing their work according to copyright laws.
- If I'm not sure how to do something or whether something is okay to access or do, I will ask a responsible adult.

## What happens if I violate these rules and am not a responsible digital citizen?

- Violations of these rules will result in disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Search and Seizure
- School authorities are charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the safety and wellbeing of the students in their care. In the discharge of that responsibility, school authorities may search the person or property, including vehicles, of a student, with or without the student's consent, whenever they reasonably suspect that a violation of law or school rules has occurred or is occurring. The extent of the search will be governed by the seriousness of the alleged infraction and the student's age. This authorization to search shall also apply to all situations in which the student is under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- Administrators are permitted to conduct a search of any student's locker and its contents at any time, providing there is a reasonable suspicion the contents of the locker are illegal, possessed illegally, or otherwise violate the Student Code of Conduct. Proper notice is to be posted in the locker areas of each building, readily seen by students, notifying students that their lockers or storage areas are subject to search upon a reasonable suspicion, as set forth herein. See below for rules regarding canine search.
- Search of a student's person shall be conducted by a person of the student's gender, whenever possible. Searches conducted by a person of the opposite gender will only be conducted under emergency circumstances and when a person of the same gender is not available. In such instances, the search will be witnessed by another person.
  - The School Board also authorizes the use of mechanical detection devices and specially trained law enforcement canines, trained in detecting the presence of drugs or devices to conduct random searches for contraband in classrooms, student lockers, other common areas of school buildings, and vehicles parked on school grounds. Searches will be conducted in conjunction with law enforcement and a school administrator shall accompany the handler and canine during all searches conducted on school property. This means of detection shall be used only to determine the presence of drugs or other contraband in locker areas and other places on school property where such substances could be concealed. Canine detection must be conducted in collaboration with law enforcement authorities or with organizations certified in canine detection and is not to be used to search individual students unless a warrant has been obtained prior to the search. If a dog indicates that contraband is present on school property, school administrators may conduct a further search.
- Whenever possible, a request for the search of a student or a student's possessions will be directed to an administrator who shall seek the freely offered consent of the student to the

inspection, and the search will be conducted by the principal in the presence of the student and an additional staff member. A search prompted by the reasonable belief that health and safety are immediately threatened will be conducted with as much speed and dispatch as may be required to protect persons and property. (PCSB 5771, F.S. 1006.09)

#### **Violence Against School Personnel**

- Violence against school personnel is grounds for disciplinary action and may result in criminal penalties.
- All students who commit assault or battery on school officials will be recommended for expulsion or placement in an alternative school setting.
- Whenever a person is charged with committing assault or aggravated assault or a battery or aggravated battery upon an employee of a school district, when the person committing the offense knows or has reason to know the identity or position or employment of the victim, the offense for which the person is charged shall be reclassified as follows:
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  - Aggravated assault second degree felony
  - o Battery third degree felony
  - o Assault first degree misdemeanor (F.S. 784.081)

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  - o Aggravated battery first degree felony
  - Aggravated assault second degree felony
  - o Battery third degree felony
  - o Assault first degree misdemeanor
- Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) and Digital Citizenship
- The school board is aware that wireless communication devices (WCDs) are used by students and parents to communicate with each other. However, the use of wireless communication devices (WCDs) on school grounds must be appropriately regulated to protect students, staff, and the learning environment. For purposes of this policy, "wireless communication device" includes computers, tablets (e.g., iPads and similar devices), electronic readers ("e-readers"; e.g., Kindles and similar devices), cell phones (e.g., mobile/cellular telephones, smartphones, BlackBerry, iPhone, Android devices, Windows Mobile devices, smart watches, etc.), telephone paging devices (e.g., beepers or pagers), and/or other web-enabled devices of any type.
- For purposes of this policy, "texting" includes, but is not limited to manually typing, using voice to text applications or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters on a device, for the purpose of non-voice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, communication methods known as texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, or similar activities.

- Technology including, but not limited to, WCDs intended and actually used for
  instructional purposes (e.g., taking notes, recording classroom lectures, writing papers)
  will be permitted, as approved by the classroom teacher or the principal. However, the
  use of a WCD to engage in non-education-related communications during instructional
  time is expressly prohibited.
- Students may use WCDs before and after school, during their lunch break, in between classes, during after-school activities (e.g. extracurricular activities), at school-related functions, and while on the school bus provided such use does not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated. Use of WCDs, except those approved by a teacher or administrator, at any other time is prohibited and the WCD must be stored out of sight. WCDs must be fully powered off during standardized tests and other times as directed by your teacher or administrator.
- Except as authorized by a teacher, administrator, or Individual Education Plan (IEP) Team, students are prohibited from using WCDs during the school day, including while off-campus on a field trip or during any school-related activity, to capture, record or transmit the words or sounds (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity, without express prior notice and explicit, written consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images. Using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without proper consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted. Students who violate this provision and/or use a WCD to make prohibited recordings or violate the privacy rights of another person may have their WCD confiscated and held until the end of the school day or until a parent/guardian picks it up, and may be directed to delete the audio and/or picture/video file while the parent/guardian is present. If the violation involves potentially illegal activity, the confiscated WCD may be turned over to law enforcement.
- "Sexting" is prohibited at any time on school property or at school functions. As set forth in State law, sexting is the knowing transmission or distribution to another minor by a computer or similar device any photograph or video of any person that depicts nudity and is harmful to minors. Sexting also includes possessing a photo of any person that was transmitted or distributed by another minor that depicts nudity. Such conduct not only is potentially dangerous for the involved students, but also can lead to unwanted exposure of the messages and images to others, and could result in criminal violations related to the transmission or possession of child pornography. Such conduct will be subject to discipline and possible confiscation of the WCD and referral to law enforcement.
- Pursuant to State law, students shall not operate a motor vehicle owned or leased by the
  district on or off school property, or personal motor vehicle on district property, while
  manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters into a
  personal communication device or while sending or reading messages on such a device,
  for the purpose of non-voice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to,
  communication methods known as texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, and snap
  chatting.
- The use of WCDs that contain built-in cameras (i.e., devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms.
- Students may not use a WCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. See Policy 5517.01 Bullying and Harassment. In particular, students are prohibited from using WCDs to: (1) transmit material that is threatening, obscene,

disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, or political beliefs; and (2) engage in "sexting" - i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature (i.e., sexting) in electronic or any other form. Violation of these prohibitions shall result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, such actions will be reported to local law enforcement and child services as required by law.

- Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture, record and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using WCDs to receive such information. Furthermore, students are prohibited from using WCDs in any manner that otherwise violates the Student Code of Conduct.
- Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.
- Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the WCD. Administration may also refer the matter to law enforcement or child services if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g. child pornography, sexting). Discipline will be imposed on an escalating scale ranging from a warning to an expulsion based on the number of previous violations and/or the nature of or circumstances surrounding a particular violation. If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose his/her privilege to bring a WCD to school for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis.
- If the WCD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student's parent/guardian after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequences that are imposed, unless the violation involves potentially illegal activity in which case the WCD may be turned over to law enforcement. School officials will not search or otherwise tamper with WCDs in district custody unless they reasonably suspect that the WCD contains evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 Search and Seizure
- Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property.
- A person who discovers a student using a WCD in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to the building principal.
- Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage to, misuse, or unauthorized use of WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

(PCSB 5136, F.S. 316.305, 847.0141)

#### **Zero Tolerance Policy**

It is the intent of the School Board to promote a safe and supportive learning environment in schools, to protect students and staff from conduct that poses a serious threat to school safety,

and to encourage schools to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to law enforcement when possible. The Legislature finds that zero tolerance policies are not intended to be rigorously applied to petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors, including, but not limited to, minor fights or disturbances.

Zero tolerance policies must require students found to have committed one of the following offenses to be expelled, with or without continuing education services, from the student's regular school for a period of not less than one (1) full year, and to be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.

- Bringing a firearm or weapon, as defined in chapter 790 to school, to any school function, or onto any school-sponsored transportation or possessing a firearm at school.
- Making a threat or false report, ad defined by 790.12 and 790.163, respectively, involving school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.

(F.S. 1006.07, F.S. 1006.13)

#### **Firearms**

A student shall not possess, handle or transport firearms.

Students are not to be in possession of any type of firearm on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school sponsored transportation. A Junior ROTC or color guard, pre-approved activity, exemption may apply.

- Chapter 790.25(5), Florida Statutes, makes it lawful for a person eighteen (18) years of age or older to possess a firearm or other weapon for self-defense within the interior of a private vehicle if the weapon is securely encased. It is the policy of the District School Board of Pasco County, that F.S. 790.25(5), SHALL NOT apply to any student bringing any concealed firearm or weapon onto school property. All students are subject to the policies and penalties stated in this Student Code of Conduct. For the purposes of this policy, the word student shall mean, but not be limited to, any preschool, elementary, middle, high, secondary, vocational or post-secondary student of a school maintained and operated by the District School Board of Pasco County.
- Violation of this rule will result in automatic out-of-school suspension and possible expulsion. Criminal prosecution is also likely in these instances.

Any student who is determined to have brought a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C.s.921 (United States Code) to any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function, or on any school sponsored transportation, will be recommended for expulsion, with or without continuing educational services from the student's regular school for a period of not less than (one) 1 full year and referred for criminal prosecution.

The Superintendent, his designee, and/or the School Board may consider extenuating circumstances in determining the length and type of expulsion. (F.S. 1006.07)

#### Weapons

A student shall not possess, handle or transport weapons.

• Students are not to be in possession of any type of weapon on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function or on any school sponsored transportation. The state's zero tolerance policy defines a weapon as any dirk, knife, metallic knuckles, slungshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, or other deadly weapon. (This does not include a common pocketknife, plastic knife or blunt-bladed table knife.) Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action, which may include out-of-school suspension and possible expulsion. Criminal prosecution is also likely in these instances.

(F.S. 790.001)

# Making a Threat or False Report

- It is unlawful for any person to threaten to throw, project, place or discharge any destructive device with intent to do bodily harm to any person or with intent to do damage to any property of any person, and any person convicted there of commits a felony of the second degree.
- It is unlawful to make a false report, with intent to deceive, mislead, or otherwise misinform any person, concerning the placing or planting of any bomb, dynamite, other deadly explosive or weapon of mass destruction as defined in 790.166, or concerning the use of firearms in a violent manner against a person or persons. Any person convicted thereof commits a felony of the second degree.

(F.S. 790.162, F.S. 790.163)