

**CARPINTERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISCIPLINE POLICY**

Every student and staff member of the Carpinteria Unified School District has the right to a safe and secure campus. A reasonable and clearly defined discipline policy is necessary for the health, welfare, and safety of the total school community. This discipline policy has been developed to provide clarity regarding rules, expectations, and consequences of student misconduct. The following rules are intended to give guidance and ensure consistency among school site personnel in the disciplining of students. The administrator shall, however, determine whether a specific infraction warrants the corrective action described below. **DEPENDING ON SEVERITY, EXPULSION IS AN OPTION AT ANY STEP.**

**Level 1 Offenses**

**LITTERING:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Campus clean-up OR one day of detention.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Two campus clean-up days OR two days of detention.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five campus clean-up days OR five days of detention.

**BEING IN POSSESSION OF A PERMANENT MARKER, SPRAY PAINT, OR OTHER UTENSIL/DEVICE WHICH COULD BE USED TO PERMANENTLY APPLY GRAFFITI:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One day of detention and student/administrator conference.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three days of detention, student/administrator conference, and parent contact.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Three days of suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.

**FAILURE TO SERVE ASSIGNED DETENTION:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Double the assigned detention and student/administrator conference.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.

**DRESS CODE VIOLATION:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Change into appropriate attire and parent contact.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**

**BEING IN RESTRICTED AREAS WITHOUT PERMISSION (STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN EITHER PARKING LOT DURING NUTRITION OR LUNCH AND MUST STAY IN DESIGNATED AREAS OF CAMPUS DURING THOSE TIMES):**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One day of detention and student/administrator conference.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three days of detention, student/administrator conference, and contact parent.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.

**RIDING BIKES, SKATES, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR FORM OF TRANSPORTATION ON CAMPUS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM AND 4:00 PM. SKATEBOARDING IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One day of detention and student/administrator conference.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - No bike, etc. for 5 school days, student/administrator conference, contact parent.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**

**BRINGING SOUND REPRODUCTION EQUIPMENT OF ANY KIND TO SCHOOL WITHOUT PRIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL, INCLUDING AN "IPOD" OR BOOM BOX:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One day of detention and confiscate the equipment and return it to parent.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three days of detention and confiscate and return it to parent.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.

**OUT OF CLASS WITHOUT A PROPER PASS:**

- Consequence: Each Offense - One day of detention will be given for each infraction unless it will be considered **defiance** of authority and the parent will be contacted.

**INTERRUPTION OF EDUCATIONAL PROCESS BY CELLULAR PHONE EQUIPMENT:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Confiscate phone and return it to student.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Confiscate phone, and return it to parent, and three days of detention.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**

**LEAVING SCHOOL WITHOUT SCHOOL ISSUED OFF-CAMPUS PASS:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Three days of detention, parent contact.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - One-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Two-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference  
Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.  
Student will also receive any detention accrued because of tardiness or truancy while off campus.

**USE OR POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One-day suspension, student/administrator conference, parent contact.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference,  
Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.

**PARKING IN AN AREA OTHER THAN THE STUDENT PARKING LOT, NOT PARKING THE CORRECT WAY, OR NOT HAVING THE PROPER STUDENT STICKER ON THE VEHICLE. VEHICLES WITHOUT STICKERS ARE SUBJECT TO BEING TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One to three days of detention, student/administrator conference, parent contact.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Five days of detention, student/administrator conference, parent contact.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Loss of driving privileges for twenty school days.

**GAMBLING:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Three days of detention, student/administrator conference, parent contact.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.

**USE OF PROFANE, VULGAR, OR INDECENT LANGUAGE OR COMMITTING AN OBSCENE, VULGAR, OR INDECENT GESTURE OR ACT:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Three days of detention, student/administrator conference, parent contact, and written apology as determined by the administration.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Five days of detention, student/parent/administrator conference, and written apology as determined by the administration.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Three-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, and written apology as determined by the administration.

**FORGING, FALSIFYING, OR ALTERING SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE, PASSES, NOTES, READMITS, ETC:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension, student/administrator conference, parent contact.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Two to five-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Three to five-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.

**CHEATING AND PLAGIARIZING WHICH IS REFERRED TO A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR (TEACHERS MAY HAVE THEIR OWN CHEATING POLICIES):**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Three to five-day detention, parent contact, “ZERO” on the assignment, student/administrator conference.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension, “ZERO” on the assignment or dropped with a “W/F” in same class,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension, “ZERO” on the assignment, student/parent/administrator, conference and not eligible for any academic awards, including Valedictorian, Salutatorian.

**POSSESSION OF A LIGHTER OR OTHER FLAMMABLE DEVICE:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Lighter or device is confiscated and/or detention.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension.  
Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.

**LEVEL 2 OFFENSES** \*Note – Teen Court referrals are to Carpinteria only.

**RECKLESS OR IRRESPONSIBLE DRIVING WHILE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR WHILE GOING TO OR FROM SCHOOL OR A SCHOOL ACTIVITY:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Three to five-day detention/one to five-day suspension based on severity, parent contact. Possible loss of driving privileges depending on severity.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Loss of driving privilege for twenty school days, parent contact, student/administrator conference and law enforcement contact. One to five-day suspension based on severity and/or referral to **Teen Court**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Loss of driving privilege for remainder of school year or sixty school days, whichever is longer, parent contact, student/administrator conference, and law enforcement contact. One to five day suspension based on severity.

**WILLFULLY DISRUPTING OR INTERFERING WITH THE PEACEFUL CONDUCT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension, student/administrator conference, parent contact.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three to five-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension and student/parent/administrator conference. Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.

**THEFT OR ATTEMPTED THEFT OF ANY KIND OR BEING IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Two to five-day suspension, student/administrator conference, parent contact, law enforcement contract, and restitution.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three to five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, law enforcement contact, and restitution.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, law enforcement contact, restitution, and completion of an administration approved counseling of at least five hours  
- OR - refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

**WILLFUL DAMAGE OR MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION TO SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY. THIS INCLUDES VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI. (Expulsion can be an option at any level)**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One to-five day suspension, student/administrator conference, law enforcement contact, parent contact and restitution.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three to five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, law enforcement contact and restitution.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, and law enforcement contact. Subsequent offenses refer to section on **DEFIANCE**.

**DEFIANCE, DISOBEDIANCE, OR DISRESPECT EITHER IN LANGUAGE OR IN ACTION AGAINST ANY SCHOOL PERSONNEL OR REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH THE REASONABLE REQUEST OR ORDER OF ANY SCHOOL PERSONNEL. THIS INCLUDES NOT GIVING ONE'S CORRECT NAME WHEN ASKED BY ANY SCHOOL PERSONNEL:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension, student/teacher/administrator conference, parent contact and written apology. **Referral to Teen Court.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three to five-day suspension, student/parent/teacher/administrator conference, parent contact and written apology.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, student/parent/teacher/administrator conference, possible referral to Rincon High School, or possible referral to the Governing Board for Expulsion.

**FIGHTING WHICH DOES NOT RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY AND NOT IN SELF DEFENSE:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One to five-day suspension depending on severity and culpability, and student/parent/administrator conference. **Referral to Teen Court**, depending on administrative judgment.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three to five days suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, and completion of an administration-approved counseling program of at least five hours. **Referral to Teen Court**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, and referral to the Rincon High School -OR - refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

**THREATENING, INTIMIDATING, SEXUALLY HARASSING, HARASSING, HAZING OR BULLYING (DEPENDING ON SEVERITY, EXPULSION IS AN OPTION AT ANY STEP):**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - One to three-day suspension, parent contact of ALL students involved, student/parent/administrator conference, and law enforcement contact. **Referral to Teen Court** depending on severity.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Three to five-day suspension, parent contact of ALL students involved, student/parent/administrator conference, and law enforcement contact. **Referral to Teen Court**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, refer to Rincon High School Independent Study Program, and law enforcement contact - OR - refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

**TAMPERING WITH FIRE ALARMS AND/OR EQUIPMENT:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Five day suspension, refer to law enforcement and Fire Department, student/parent/administrator conference,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

**CONSUMING, POSSESSING, OR BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE OR CONTROLLED OR BEING IN POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA:**

- Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, law enforcement contact and completion of administration approved counseling program of at least 10 hours. **Referral to Teen Court**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Refer to the Governing Board for expulsion and contact law enforcement.

### **LEVEL 3 OFFENSES**

#### **THREAT OR ASSAULT (AN ASSAULT IS “AN UNLAWFUL ATTEMPT, COUPLED WITH A PRESENT ABILITY, TO COMMIT A VIOLENT INJURY” ON ANOTHER):**

Consequence:1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Five-day suspension, student/parent/administrator conference, contact law enforcement, written apology to personnel and possible drop from class - OR - refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

#### **COMMITTING OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT ARSON:**

Consequence:1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Contact law enforcement and Fire Department and refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

#### **POSSESSION OF KNIFE, EXPLOSIVE, OR OTHER DANGEROUS OBJECT OF NO REASONABLE USE TO THE PUPIL AT SCHOOL OR AT A SCHOOL ACTIVITY OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS. THIS MAY INCLUDE FIREWORKS OR A LOOK-ALIKE OR FACSIMILE OF A WEAPON:**

Consequence:1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

#### **POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AT SCHOOL OR AT A SCHOOL ACTIVITY OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS:**

Consequence:1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Contact law enforcement and refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

#### **BATTERY, “ANY WILLFUL AND UNLAWFUL USE OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE”:**

Consequence:1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Contact law enforcement and refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

#### **FIGHTING WHICH RESULTS IN SERIOUS INJURY:**

Consequence:1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Contact law enforcement and refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

**SELLING OR PROVIDING OR ATTEMPTING TO SELL OR PROVIDE CONTROLLED OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES TO ANOTHER:**

Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Contact law enforcement and refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

**COMMITTING OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT ROBBERY OR EXTORTION:**

Consequence: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Contact law enforcement and refer to the Governing Board for expulsion.

**RECEIVING MORE THAN TWENTY DAYS OF SUSPENSION IN ONE YEAR OR MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS OF SUSPENSION ACCUMULATED IN ONE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL CAREER:**

Consequence: Refer to Section on DEFIANCE.

At the elementary levels, responses will be developed to ensure discipline that is age-appropriate and fits the seriousness of the offense. In those areas where detention is mentioned, elementary administration shall use appropriate grade and age level responses such as benching, withholding of privileges, etc.

**Flagrant and/or habitual offenders will be subject to a variety of consequences which may include suspension, involuntary transfer to an Rincon High School, recommendation for expulsion, etc., as determined by the site administrator or his/her designee.**

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