

Rainier Christian Schools

Discipline Terms

Offense	Definition/Explanation
Alcohol or Other Drugs	The possession, consumption, use, storage, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, and other similar chemical substances on school grounds, at school activities, on district-provided transportation is prohibited.
Alteration of Records	A student who falsifies, alters, or destroys school records or any communication between home and school shall be subjected to corrective action.
Cheating/Plagiarism	<p>Plagiarism is defined as using someone else’s words or ideas without telling everyone where the words came from. Examples of plagiarism include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting/pasting text from electronic sources without citing • Putting your name on other people’s work...includes having someone write your paper, buying a paper, downloading a paper from online services • Not giving proper credit or citing someone else’s unique words and original ideas, research, works, pictures, music, video and other forms of communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using anyone’s old project/paper • Changing only a few words, sentences, or phrases, and saying they are your own • Not using quotation marks when copying exactly someone’s words, sentences, phrases, etc. • Paraphrasing carelessly, documenting poorly, quoting excessively or failing to use your own voice <p>Consequences for plagiarism includes:</p> <p>1st Offense: 0 or “F” on the assignment or test. The teacher will make a telephone call to the student’s parent/guardian and a letter from an administrator will follow. The letter will notify the parent/guardian of the cheating and/or plagiarism and the consequences if a 2nd offense was to occur.</p> <p>2nd Offense (in any class): A meeting will take place between the student, parent, teacher, and administrator, to determine further consequences which may include removal from the class with a loss of credit.</p>

Defacing or Destruction of Property	For school discipline purposes, means the unauthorized, intentional damage to district property or the property of others, including district electronics.
Repeated Defiance of School Authority	Refusal to obey reasonable requests, instructions, and directives of any school personnel (including volunteers or contractors working for the school) pertaining to the orderly operation of the school. Directives regarding safety need to be followed immediately. Lower, non-safety issues, students will be given multiple opportunities to comply before discipline is administered. Student’s failure to engage academically will be addressed in ways that do not include disciplinary actions. <i>(Defiance of school authority is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)</i>
Disruptive Behavior	An intentional gesture, communication, act or statement at school or impacting the educational setting that a student should know will have the effect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulting, mocking or demeaning a student, staff or group of students causing substantial disruption and/or interference with the orderly operation of the school; or educational setting • Creating an intimidating, threatening, hostile or abusive educational environment for a student, staff or group of students through severe, persistent or pervasive behavior. <p>(District Note: Disruptive Behavior is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)</p>
Disruptive Dress	Student dress and appearance may be regulated when, in the judgment of school administrators, there is a reasonable expectation that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A health or safety hazard will be presented by the student's dress or appearance; • Damage to school property will result from the student's dress and appearance; • A hostile environment will be established or perpetuated; or, • A material and substantial disruption of the educational process will result from the student's dress or appearance. <i>(Material and substantial disruption of the educational process may be found to exist when a student's conduct is inconsistent with any part of the educational mission of the school district. Prohibited conduct includes the use or promotion of obscene, lewd, racist, violent, sexual, drug, alcohol or tobacco-related messages.)</i>

Electronic Devices	Portable electronic devices and accessories such as, cell phones, iPods, ear buds, headphones, etc., are not to be used inappropriately.
Falsification/Forgery	The fraudulent use of the name of another person or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses, or other data is prohibited. Progressive discipline will apply.
Gang Conduct	<p>For school discipline purposes includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the creation, display, or communication of gestures, language, imagery, or symbols as defined below commonly associated with gang culture • the promotion of gang culture and/or gang violence, and/or • the solicitation or recruitment of gang members <p>Gang imagery and symbols include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apparel (including shoelaces, bandanas, belts, or hats) which by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attributes indicate or imply gang membership or affiliation • displays of gang affiliation on personal belongings including clothing, school assignments, notebooks, body, etc.
Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying	<p>For school discipline purposes, “harassment, intimidation and bullying” includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intentional hurtful, threatening, or intimidating verbal and/or physical conduct • unsolicited or unwelcome verbal or physical conduct that is harassing or intimidating that can be of a sexual, religious, racial or ethnic nature.
Lewd/Obscene Behavior	Behavior of a sexual nature including but not limited to acts of a sexual nature and possession of or accessing pornographic material while on school grounds, at school activities are prohibited. Prohibited “materials” includes digital or electronic text, images, or sounds that are possessed, displayed, or transmitted while under the supervision of school authorities. Note: Non-consensual sexual misconduct please see “Assault” category. Use of profanity or obscene gestures not directed at another student please see “Disruptive Behavior”. (<i>Lewd and/or obscene behaviors that do not constitute a “sex offense” is a discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</i>)
Public Displays of Affection	Students must refrain from public display of affection that is considered inappropriate (i.e. prolonged kissing, embracing, sexual intercourse, or other intimate behavior) in a school environment. Refusal to comply constitutes defiance of school authority and will be subject to disciplinary action.
Threats of Violence	For school discipline purposes this means a threat to cause bodily injury, significant property damage, or to cause the physical confinement or restraint of the person threatened, or any other act causing substantial harm to the physical or mental health of the person threatened.
Tobacco/Nicotine	Students may not participate in smoking, use of tobacco products or products containing nicotine, or possess tobacco products on the school premises. (<i>Use or possession of tobacco or nicotine products is a</i>

	<i>discretionary discipline offense under RCW 28A.600.015 that cannot result in long-term suspension or expulsion.)</i>
Truancy	Unexcused absence from 1 or more classes.
Weapons	<p>Possession or use of actual weapons in violation including firearms, dangerous weapons, and other items listed within that policy. This includes when a student acts with malice as defined under RCW 9A.04.110 and displays a device that appears to be a firearm or dangerous object.</p> <p>Any student who is determined to have carried a firearm or to have possessed a firearm on school premises, school-provided transportation, or school sponsored activities at any facility shall be expelled from school for not less than one year (12 months) under RCW 28A.600.420, with notification to parents and law enforcement. The district superintendent or the superintendent’s designee is authorized to modify the expulsion of a student on a case- by-case basis. The school district may also suspend or expel a student for up to one year if the student acts with malice as defined under RCW 9A.04.110 and displays a device that appears to be a firearm. Expulsion may result based upon the administrator’s judgment of the seriousness of the act or circumstances surrounding the act, and/or the previous record of the student.</p>