

STUDENT VIOLENCE, FIGHTS AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

- 1.0 Fighting offenses, regardless of infliction of bodily injury, occur when: (1) a person acts with the intent of making physical contact with another person, or acts with the knowledge that such contact would probably result; (2) physical contact with another person does result; and, (3) the contact is offensive to the other person. For purposes of this policy a fight may also include a student attempting but failing to make harmful or offensive contact with another person.
- 2.0 **Student Responsibilities.** If a conflict appears to be likely, or occurs, students are expected to make all reasonable efforts to avoid the conflict, including leaving the scene or seeking the help of a school employee.
- 3.0 Encouraging fighting or assault, including use of insults, taunts or challenges to another in a manner where such words or behavior is likely to incite a fight is also prohibited.
 - 3.1 Videotaping and/or electronically sharing or posting images of fights are considered to encourage fighting and as such, are prohibited.
 - 3.2 Helping arrange circumstances for the purpose of allowing others to fight is considered to encourage fighting and as such, is prohibited.
- 4.0 Offenses and consequences for violence or fighting offenses will be cumulative for a period of three calendar years. Offenses confirmed from schools prior to enrollment in the District may apply toward the cumulative total.
 - 4.1 **1st Offense** – Student may be suspended for up to five (5) days out of school. Alternative to suspension opportunities may be considered by school administration as described in District Policy 5010.
 - 4.2 **2nd Offense** – Student should be suspended for up to five (5) days out of school. An alternative to expulsion opportunity may be considered by school administration as described in District Policy 5010.
 - 4.3 **3rd Offense** – Student should be suspended for five (5) days out of school and expulsion proceedings may be initiated at the discretion of school administrator.
 - 4.4 Additional factors as identified in District Policy 5010 may also be considered in determining appropriate sanctions and interventions.

LEGAL REFERENCES:
22-33-106 C.R.S.

CROSS REFERENCES:
Policy 5000
Policy 5010