STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The descriptions below are summaries of more detailed policies. Collectively, these policies comprise the District’s Student Code of Conduct. For complete information please consult the latest version of each District Policy at www.adams12.org. A quick reference chart summarizing Student Code of Conduct policies is also available on the district website.

Student Code of Conduct (District Policy 5000)

Students are expected to be familiar and comply with all expectations identified District Policy 5000, Student Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct identifies specific grounds for discipline including suspension or expulsion of a student. Discipline may be imposed for the following reasons:

1.0 The Code of Conduct exists to help maintain an environment which is safe, conducive to learning, and free from unnecessary disruption. The Code of Conduct primarily consists of this policy and a subsequent series of policies identifying specific behavior expectations (See Exhibit A).

1.1 Students and parents or legal guardians shall be notified through student handbooks or similar informational bulletins of District policies concerning rights and responsibilities, rules of student conduct, and due process. The Code of Conduct, including grounds for which students may be suspended or expelled, shall be distributed once to each student in elementary, middle and high school and once to each new student in the District. Matters of common knowledge or practice shall be considered as notice of existing standards of conduct for students.

1.2 The principal or administrative designee may impose sanctions including suspension or may recommend expulsion of a student who engages in conduct identified in this policy which occurs in school buildings, on school grounds, in school buses or other school owned or operated vehicles, or while attending school activities or sanctioned events.

1.3 Students may also be subject to sanctions including suspension or expulsion for behaviors that occur off campus as described by law and District Policy 5020.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 School. Refers to any school within the District.

2.2 Parent. Refers to a student’s parent, legal guardian or legal custodian.

3.0 Grounds for sanctions including Suspension or Expulsion from School. The principal or designated administrator may issue sanctions including suspension and may refer for expulsion a student who engages in one or more of the following activities as specifically identified by state statute.

3.1 Using or otherwise directing profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures toward others.

3.2 Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority.

3.3 Repeated interference with a school’s ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.

3.4 Repeated or substantial disrespect to or defiance of school staff.

3.5 Possessing, distributing, and/or communicating slanderous or libelous material.

3.6 Behavior which disrupts or is intended to disrupt the educational process.

3.7 Declaration as a habitually disruptive student according to District Policy 5090.

3.8 Violation of District Policy 5080 regarding gangs, secret societies or disruptive groups.

3.9 Indecent exposure, lewd behavior, or possession of pornography (print or electronic).

3.10 Rioting, unlawful protests, illegal disruptive demonstrations or other expression that violates the rights of others on any District property.

3.11 Intentionally causing or participating in a bomb threat, false alarm, or other false notice that disrupts the school environment.

3.12 Behavior on or off school property which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or of school personnel, including behavior which creates a threat of physical harm to the student or to other students. This may include behavior which recklessly endangers students, staff or others.
3.13 Throwing objects, unless otherwise part of a supervised activity, which might cause bodily injury or damage property.
3.14 Unsafe operation of a motor vehicle on school property.
3.15 Violation of District Policy 5110 regarding bullying, harassment, hazing or threats.
3.16 Violation of District Policies 5110 or 8400 regarding discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment.
3.17 Violations of District Policy 5070 regarding violence, fighting, and other aggressive behavior.
3.18 Violation of criminal law which negatively impacts the school or the general safety or welfare of students or staff.
3.19 The commission of an act that if committed by an adult would be robbery according to Colorado statute.
3.20 The commission of an act that if committed by an adult would be assault according to Colorado statute.
3.21 Violations against staff including incidents of assault upon, disorderly conduct toward, harassment of, knowingly making false allegations of child abuse against, or any criminal act directed toward a school employee.
3.22 Violation of District Policy 5100 regarding dangerous items.
3.23 Violation of District Policy 5100 regarding firearms or dangerous weapons. Expulsion is mandatory for bringing or possessing a firearm at school.
3.24 Violation of District Policy 5050 regarding tobacco.
3.25 Violation of District Policy 5040 regarding controlled substances.
3.26 Violation of District Policy 5650 regarding posting or distributing unauthorized materials on campus.
3.27 Gambling or wagering items of value.
3.28 Lying or knowingly giving false information verbally or in writing to a staff member.
3.29 Scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic work.
3.30 Stealing, attempting to steal, borrowing or possessing without authorization property from another student, school employee or from the school itself.
3.31 Using, making or reproducing another person’s signature for deceptive purposes, including counterfeiting documents or currency.
3.32 Failure to report a Condition that puts students or staff at risk of imminent harm.
3.33 Violation of District Policy 5060 regarding dress code.
3.34 Violation of District Policy 5030 regarding cell phones or electronic devices.
3.35 Violation of District Policies 5035 and 8200 regarding use of District technology or the internet.
3.36 Damaging private property of others.
3.37 Willful destruction or defacing of school property.
3.38 Failure to comply with Colorado law regarding immunization requirements in violation of District Policy 5410. Any suspension or expulsion for failure to comply with immunization requirements will not be documented as a disciplinary action but will be documented along with the student's immunization record and an explanation in the student's cumulative file.
3.39 Violation of District Policy 5120 regarding off-campus behavior.
3.40 Violation of District Policies or building regulations not otherwise referenced in this policy.
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Student conduct policies are available to all parents and students on the District’s website or by request through the administrative office at each school.

Board Policy directs that student discipline methods be clear, timely and consistently applied. Students should receive information about school discipline expectations within the first four weeks of each school year. Students who arrive after the first month of school should receive information individually or in small groups as soon as possible following enrollment.

**Student Due Process (District Policy 5010)**

District Policy 5010 is a new policy created to more clearly explain due process rights students have in relation to student discipline matters. The policy identifies factors that the district administrators will consider in determining consequences or interventions for Code of Conduct violations, as well as providing an explanation of violations that will result in referrals to law enforcement. The policy further explains procedures for investigating student discipline matters, including those that may result in suspension, extended suspension or expulsion of a student, including those cases involving students with disabilities. The policy identifies procedures for suspension and expulsion and explains appeal opportunities as well as alternative to suspension or expulsion opportunities that may be available, depending on the circumstances at the time.
Student Attendance (District Policy 5020)

District Policy 5020 provides specific guidelines regarding student attendance. The policy describes acceptable reasons for absences, makeup work procedures and potential sanctions for poor attendance. Colorado law (22-33-104 C.R.S.) regarding compulsory attendance requires students to attend school from the age of 6 until their 17th birthday. Please be aware that the district partners closely with local juvenile courts to intervene in the cases of students whose poor attendance constitutes “habitual truancy”, defined by Colorado law as having four (4) or more unexcused absences in a month or ten (10) or more unexcused absences during any calendar year period.

Student Use of Cell Phone and Other Personal Electronic Devices (District Policy 5030)

District Policy 5030 permits the use of electronic devices for personal, recreational, communication or instructional purposes under specific conditions. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary sanctions up to and including expulsion from school, depending upon the severity of the violation.

In academic settings (classroom, library, labs, etc.) electronic devices must be in the “off” or “silent” position at all times and stored out of sight except when utilized, as permitted by the instructor, as assistive technology, or as part of a student’s individual education program as determined by school administration or the teacher. Teachers may impose even further restrictions at their discretion in their class.

In non-academic settings, including at school activities or on school transportation, such devices may be used in “silent mode” provided the use of such device, as determined by the supervising staff member or bus driver, in no way disrupts, poses a safety concern or otherwise violates District Policy 5000, Student Code of Conduct.

Electronic devices may not be used in a manner which is potentially unsafe, illegal or otherwise might violate the Student Code of Conduct. Prohibited uses include but are not limited to creating video or audio recordings, or taking or sending photographs of students or staff without permission of the student(s) or staff member(s). Such devices may not be used for academic dishonesty or cheating. Such devices may not be used in any manner that disrupts the academic environment, or otherwise disrupts school activities or functions. Students may not depart a class to activate or operate such devices.

The typical progression of consequences for violations as described in the policy includes:

1st offense. The device should be confiscated and the parent should be notified. The device may be released to the student after the student reviews and signs the policy.

2nd offense. The device should be confiscated and the parent should be notified. The device may be released only to the parent after the parent reviews and signs the policy.

3rd or more offenses. Such offenses are considered disruptive behavior and should result in a minimum of one day of suspension to be served in or out of school at the discretion of administration. Subsequent violations may result in increasing suspensions of up to three (3) days. Under all circumstances students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones and personal electronic devices. Adams 12 Five Star Schools shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of any such device and will not be responsible for investigation of such incidents.

If unique circumstances exist warranting the need for a student to use a cell phone or personal electronic device, on a temporary basis, outside the guidelines of District Policy 5030, such requests should be submitted to the Principal in writing. The Principal’s decision regarding such requests will be final.

Student Use of Computers, the Internet and Electronic Communications (District Policy 5035)

District Policy 5035 establishes guidelines for allowable use of the internet and other electronic media by students at school or on school equipment. Students are expected to take responsibility for their own use of District computers and computer systems, and should understand that the District may monitor, inspect, copy or review all computer use or access to computer systems
including electronic mail, messages or other documents generated from District computers. Students should also understand that they may lose the privilege of accessing the internet or using District computer systems for violating appropriate use expectations. Violations of computer use expectations may also result in disciplinary sanctions from school including suspension or expulsion for extreme or repeat violations, and may be referred for legal action as warranted.

Examples of prohibited types of electronic information includes but is not limited to accessing, creating or passing information that promotes violence, is pornographic or profane, is intended to bully or harass, or is used to cheat. The policy further prohibits a range of security-related violations including attempts to gain unauthorized entry into networks or to change district data records. The policy also addresses allowable student-generated content on school websites.

**Student Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Offenses (District Policy 5040)**

School districts are required by law to adopt policies regarding use, possession and/or sale of drugs or other controlled substances in school, on school grounds, in school vehicles at school activities or while waiting to board or depart the bus.

Students may not knowingly use, be under the influence of, possess, bring, sell, solicit the sale of, transfer, distribute or supply a drug, controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.

Controlled substances include but are not limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind-altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, anabolic steroids.

Schools and law enforcement officials are trained and have the equipment to administer field sobriety tests. If a parent(s) disagrees with the determination of school or law enforcement officials that the student is under the influence of a controlled substance, the parent may seek an assessment that indicates toxicity levels within 24 hours of the incident at their own expense by a provider approved by the District. Self-admission by the student suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance without a valid prescription constitutes sufficient evidence to proceed with disciplinary action.

Students are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion for any single policy violation. Alternatives to suspension and expulsion may be offered by the school as appropriate depending on the circumstances of the violation. School officials are instructed to notify law enforcement regarding suspected violations of this policy and to cooperate with any investigation that may result.

**Student Tobacco Possession and Use (District Policy 5050)**

District Policy 5050 prohibits the use of all form of tobacco products on school property for students under 18 years of age, and prohibits possession of all tobacco products for students 17 or younger. Sanctions for violation of the policy increase in severity for repeat violations and may result in extended suspensions in extreme cases as identified in the policy. Tobacco products are defined as any form of tobacco that may be ingested by chewing, smoking or other means. Tobacco paraphernalia such as “hookahs” or electronic cigarettes are also prohibited.

Students who are trying to overcome tobacco addiction are encouraged to visit with their school counselor about resources that may be available to help them stop using tobacco.

**Student Dress Code (District Policy 5060)**

In order to promote a safe environment that focuses on education and minimizes distractions students are expected to abide by the following general guidelines as identified in District Policy 5060.

1. Shirts must be fitted and long enough to naturally touch the top of the lower garment and/or be tucked in;
2. shirts must cover the shoulders;
3. all attire should be sized to fit without exposing undergarments, buttocks, stomachs or cleavage;
4. shorts and skirts must be fingertip length when arms are resting at sides;
5. tank top straps must be at least one inch (1”) wide at the narrowest point;
6. shoes/sandals must be worn at all times.
The following items of clothing are specifically prohibited:
   a) spaghetti straps and halter tops;
   b) transparent/mesh clothing;
   c) garments, make-up or hair worn in a manner that makes a student’s face
      unidentifiable;
   d) exposed undergarments;
   e) pajamas and house slippers;
   f) shirts with revealing necklines or armholes;
   g) shirts hanging longer than the fingertips when arms are fully extended;
   h) hats, caps or sunglasses worn indoors;
   i) gloves worn indoors;
   j) hairnets, bandanas, and DOO-rags;
   k) caps, athletic headbands and armbands (prohibited indoors except when the wearer is
      participating in a sporting event);
   l) clothing or accessories that promote drugs, alcohol or tobacco either by brand or
      message;
   m) clothing or accessories with sexually suggestive language or messages;
   n) clothing or accessories that have pictures of guns or weapons, promote violence,
      criminal activity, intimidation or intolerance of others (based on religion, ethnicity,
      gender or lifestyle);
   o) clothing or accessories that could readily be used as a weapon or might otherwise
      injure the wearer, including items with spikes or loose hanging chains;
   p) attire, accessories or manners of grooming indicative of affiliation with a gang, secret
      society or disruptive group as defined in District Policy 5080. This includes, but is not
      limited to clothing, gang-related colors or numbers, bandanas, sports logos/apparel,
      make-up, hats, emblems, trademarks, badges, insignia, logos, belt buckles, colored
      shoe strings, and jewelry;
   q) trench coats and other like jackets capable of concealing weapons;
   r) clothing or accessories affiliated with Insane Clown Posse, including all items related
      to the band’s record label “Psychopathic Records” and other groups it sponsors in
      addition to Insane Clown Posse, including but not limited to Twiztid, Blaze, Boondox,
      Psychopathic Rydaz and Dark Lotus; and
   s) hair restraints, gloves, goggles, or other protective attire, determined by staff to be
      necessary for safe participation in vocational programs.

   Dress guidelines for special events or school-sponsored purposes, including but not limited to
   dances, extra-curricular activities, and fundraisers shall be at the discretion of school administration
   based upon the nature of the particular event. Students may avoid the risk of being asked to leave or
   change clothing at an event by having attire approved in advance by an administrator.

   All middle and high school students are required to wear an unaltered visible school
   issued photo identification card (ID) on a school issued lanyard on their outermost garment above the
   waist during school hours, or at such times, locations, and activities specifically identified by the
   building principal.

   Uniforms may be required with Superintendent approval.
   Students who violate or are suspected to be in violation of this policy shall be referred to
   school administration for investigation. Sanctions up to a five (5) day suspension may be imposed for
   any single violation of this policy.

   Except when other contributing policy violations or safety concerns exist, the typical
   progression of intervention for dress code violations is:
   1st Offense – warning and education about the policy and the student being provided an
   opportunity to correct the violation.
2nd Offense – sanctions up to one (1) day out-of-school suspension and requirement that parent and student review and sign a statement indicating their understanding of the “Student Dress Code” policy.

3rd Offense – sanctions up to three (3) days out-of-school suspension and required parent meeting as a condition of re-entry for the purpose of reviewing the “Student Dress Code” policy and discussing the consequences of future violations.

4th or Subsequent Offenses – sanctions up to a five (5)-day out-of-school suspension for each repeat violation.

Additional factors as identified in Policy 5010 may also be considered in determining appropriate sanctions and interventions.

The Superintendent authorizes the Executive Directors of Schools to grant WRITTEN waivers to this policy as appropriate.

Violence, Fights and Aggressive Behavior (District Policy 5070)

District Policy 5070 prohibits fights or other violent or aggressive behavior. Fights are defined as making offensive contact with another person. Attempts to make unwanted physical contact are also considered an offense for purposes of this policy. To avoid fights or aggressive interactions students are responsible to make all possible efforts to avoid the conflict and to seek the help of a staff member.

Policy 5070 further prohibits encouraging fights, videotaping or electronically sharing images of school-related fights, or helping arrange fights. Fighting offenses may result in consequences up to expulsion from school.

Gangs, Secret Societies and Disruptive Groups (District Policy 5080)

School districts are required by Colorado law to adopt policies regarding gang-related activities in school. District Policy 5080 defines a gang, secret society or disruptive group as a group of three or more individuals, whether formal or informal, sharing a common name, interest, bond, confederation, alliance, initiation practice, network, conspiracy, or activity characterized by criminal or delinquent conduct, whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of such activity.

Wearing, displaying or possessing items that signify identification with disruptive groups is prohibited on school campuses, at all school-sponsored activities, on all school transportation, and at all school bus stops. Any evidence reasonably demonstrating the existence of or membership in any disruptive group shall be admissible in any disciplinary action or proceeding brought by the District.

Examples of prohibited items, behaviors or actions which may be indicative of gang, secret society or disruptive group affiliation include but are not limited to:

1. Colors / Numbers – A common color or number used to represent affiliation with the disruptive group. Colors and numbers may be represented through, but not limited to, clothing, bandanas, nail polish, sports logos/apparel, make-up, or other items that display a “color” or number on a person or possession.
2. Signs – Verbal or Physical – Statements, gestures, signals, or signs flashed by individuals either to members of their own disruptive group as communication or identification, or intended as taunts or challenges to others.
3. Graffiti – A drawing, symbol, phrase, cryptic writing, code, icon, logo, or written word used to express opinions, membership in a disruptive group or gang, about other groups or gangs, or direct challenges to others.
4. Apparel / Jewelry – Hats, bandanas, emblems, trademarks, badges, insignias, logos, belts, belt buckles, colored shoe strings, jewelry or other clothing that identify the individual with the disruptive group and/or that carries meaning for the disruptive group.
5. Manner of Grooming – Tattoos, hairstyles, and other unifying marks (i.e. manner of shaving, piercings) indicative of affiliation with or that carries meaning for a disruptive group.
6. Recruitment – Action to knowingly solicit, to invite, recruit, encourage, coerce, or otherwise cause another to actively participate in or become a member of a disruptive group. Furthermore, recruitment also includes the use of force, threat, or intimidation directed at any person, or by the infliction of bodily injury upon any person, thereby preventing the individual from leaving a disruptive group.

Action up to and including expulsion from school may be considered for any single violation of this policy depending upon the nature of the offense, the severity of the situation, and the student’s discipline history. Unless the student has a prior discipline history, or unless other policy violations or safety concerns exist, the typical progression of consequences for violations of this policy are:

1st Offense – warning and education about the policy, school based sanctions including suspension up to three (3) days out of school, and a requirement that student and parent review and sign a statement indicating their understanding of this policy.

2nd Offense – up to five (5) days out-of-school suspension and a required parent meeting as a condition of re-entry for the purpose of reviewing this policy and the consequences of future violations.

3rd or Subsequent Offenses – up to a five (5) day out-of-school suspension and potential expulsion from school.

All violations of this policy which involve violence, threats of violence, or an immediate risk to the safety of students or staff shall result in suspension out-of-school for a minimum of three (3) days.

**Student Habitually Disruptive Behavior (District Policy 5090)**

A student may be declared to be habitually disruptive after a series of suspensions and interventions, and may be expelled for habitually disruptive behavior as explained in District Policy 5090. A habitually disruptive students is defined as a student who has been suspended out of school a minimum of three (3) times during the current school year, for behavior that caused a material and substantial disruption on school grounds, in school vehicles, or at school activities or sanctioned events.

A remedial discipline plan in the form of a contract between school administration, the student and parents should be developed and monitored when students have been suspended and may be at risk of future violations that would result in a habitually disruptive designation. Remedial discipline plans may be implemented for potential habitually disruptive students without parent or student consent in the event that either should refuse to participate in the planning and intervention process.

**Student Weapons in School (District Policy 5100)**

Consistent with the district’s obligation to provide a safe and secure environment, District Policy 5100, Student Weapons in School, prohibits students being in possession of any dangerous weapon or dangerous item at school, during school activities, or on any district property.

Knives or other instruments with sharpened blades or edges that might easily be used as a weapon are not permitted at school, regardless of the length of the blade. Exceptions include scissors and other sharpened instruments commonly used during supervised educational activities. Possession of a firearm on any Adams 12 property mandates expulsion from the district for the first offense. Other weapons violations are subject to sanctions and interventions as described in the policy depending on circumstances at the time.

In addition, District Policy 8700, Weapons, specifically makes it a violation for any pupil, staff member, volunteer, or visitor to possess a firearm, explosive device, knife with a blade longer than three (3) inches, or other dangerous weapon when in a district facility; on district grounds; at any or district activity, regardless of location; or on any district vehicle. This restriction does not apply to School Resource Officers or other law enforcement officers who are legally required to carry a weapon to perform their job. Any other request for an exception from this restriction should be communicated in writing to the Superintendent.
Bullying, Harassment or Threats (District Policy 5110)

District Policy 5110 addresses the negative impact that bullying has on student health, welfare and safety and on the learning environment. Bullying, as defined by state law, is any written or verbal expression, or physical act or gesture, or a pattern thereof, intended to cause distress upon one or more students.

Bullying based upon a student’s race, gender, religion or creed, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability may actually constitute harassment. Harassment is specifically prohibited by District Policy 8400 (Nondiscrimination/Harassment), a summary of which may be found elsewhere in this book.

All administrators, teachers, classified staff, parents and students shall take all reasonable steps to prevent and / or address bullying.

1. Students who have been bullied should report the situation to an administrator or teacher.
2. Students who witness bullying should report it to a staff member.
3. School staff who witness bullying should take action to stop the bullying and to report the situation for appropriate administrative intervention.
4. School administrators should promptly investigate and respond to bullying reports.

Students who bully others will be subject to disciplinary action as described in District Policy 5000, Student Code of Conduct. In addition to discipline sanctions, schools may implement intervention strategies as appropriate.

Off-Campus Behavior (District Policy 5120)

Behavior which takes place on or off campus may result in discipline sanctions up to and including expulsion from school when such behavior was or is likely to be detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or of school personnel, including behavior that creates a threat of physical harm to the student or other students. Such misconduct may include, but is not limited to, any of the behavior violations identified in District Policy 5000, Student Code of Conduct.

In determining whether off-campus misconduct is or is likely to be detrimental to the welfare or safety of students or school personnel, the administrator shall consider, among other relevant factors: the extent to which other District students were involved in or present during the off-campus misconduct; the proximity to school and the school day; and the known or predicted negative impact or effect the misconduct had or is likely to have on the school environment. The existence of criminal charges and/or a criminal adjudication in relation to off-campus behavior may also be considered in determining whether the misconduct warrants school sanctions.

Search and Seizure (District Policy 5130)

District Policy 5130 authorizes district officials to conduct a search when on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased or otherwise used by the district or school, or at a school activity, when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will result in the discovery of "contraband," which includes all substances or materials prohibited by district/school policy or state law including, but not limited to, drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages, guns, knives, weapons, incendiary devices, and dangerous items.

Under conditions specified in policy, automobiles parked on or being operated on school property or at a school activity may also be subject to search by school officials.

When possible, an involved student shall be informed of the reason for a search, and the official conducting the search shall attempt to secure the student’s consent to the search. The scope of a search must be no more intrusive than is reasonably necessary under the circumstances.

Inappropriate items found during the course of a search may be seized and at the discretion of school administration such items may be returned to the parent or guardian of the student from whom the items were seized; offered as evidence in any suspension or expulsion proceeding if they are tagged for identification at the time seized; turned over to law enforcement officers; or destroyed.
Many district secondary schools utilize random canine searches from time to time to deter students from bringing contraband on district property. Such searches involve trained dogs and their handlers scanning property or general areas, but never individuals. Should a dog alert its handler to the possible presence of contraband, the handler would notify school officials. A canine alert constitutes reasonable suspicion for school officials to conduct a search following the procedures established in District Policy 5130.

Corporal Punishment (District Policy 5140)
District Policy 5140 prohibits the use of corporal punishment by any staff member. Corporal punishment is defined as spanking or physically handling a student in any way to purposefully inflict punishment. Permission to administer corporal punishment shall not be sought nor accepted from any parent, guardian, or school official.

Physical Restraint/Seclusion (District Policy 5150)
District Policy 5150 permits district personnel, acting within the scope of employment, to use and apply restraint or force as is reasonable and necessary to restrain or prevent a student from threatening physical injury to self or others; to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects; for the purpose of self-defense; for the protection of persons or student safety.

Law enforcement will act according to their agency guidelines regarding restraint or force when safety is at issue.