

Violent and Aggressive Behavior

The Charter Board recognizes there are certain behaviors that, if tolerated, would compromise the learning environment to which the students and staff of the charter school are entitled. These behaviors, categorized as violent or aggressive, will not be tolerated.

Students exhibiting violent or aggressive behavior or warning signs of future violent or aggressive behavior shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action including suspension and /or expulsion in accordance with Charter Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions, and other disciplinary interventions. As appropriate and in accordance with applicable law and Charter Board policy, students may also be referred to law enforcement authorities. At the charter school's discretion and when appropriate, the students may receive appropriate intervention designed to address the problem behavior. The charter school may also conduct a threat assessment of the student.

Students shall immediately report questionable behavior or potentially violent situations to an administrator, counselor, or teacher.

A staff member who witnesses or receives a report of a student's act of violence and aggression shall notify the administrator or designee as soon as possible.

An act of violence and aggression is any expression, direct or indirect, verbal or behavioral, of intent to inflict harm, injury, or damage to persons or property. A threat of violence and aggression carries with it implied notions of risk of violence and a probability of harm or injury.

The administrator may suspend or recommend expulsion of a student who engages in one or more of the following activities while in school buildings, on school grounds, when being transported in school vehicles, or during a school-sponsored activity or event and in certain cases when the behavior occurs off of school property or after school hours but has a reasonable connection to the charter school.

An act of violence and aggression includes but is not limited to the following behaviors:

1. Possession, threat with or use of a weapon-as described in Weapons Policy: JICIC.
2. Physical assault-the act of striking or touching a person or that person's property with a part of the body or with any object with the intent of causing hurt or harm.
3. Verbal abuse-includes, but is not limited to, swearing, screaming, obscene gestures, or threats directed, either orally (including by telephone) or in writing (including by text, social media, or other electronic means), at an individual, his or her family or group, occurring on or off of school property or after school hours but has a reasonable connection to the charter school..
4. Intimidation-an act intended to frighten or coerce someone into submission or obedience.
5. Extortion-the use of verbal or physical coercion in order to obtain financial or material gain for others.
6. Bullying as described in the charter school's Bullying Prevention and Education Policy JICDE.

7. Gang Activity-as described in the charter school’s Secret Societies/Gang Activity Policy JICF.
8. Sexual Harassment or other forms of harassment-as described in the charter school’s Sexual Harassment Policy JBB.
9. Stalking-the persistent following, contacting, watching, or any other such threatening actions that compromise the peace of mind or the personal safety of an individual.
10. Defiance-a serious act or instance of defying or opposing legitimate authority.
11. Discriminatory Slurs-insulting, disparaging or derogatory comments made directly or by innuendo regarding a person’s race, color, ancestry, creed, sex, sexual orientation (which includes transgender), religion, national origin, disability or need for special education services.
12. Vandalism-damaging or defacing property owned by or in the rightful possession of another.
13. Terrorism-a threat to commit violence communicated with the intent to terrorize or with reckless disregard for the risk of creating such terror or to cause serious public inconvenience, such as the evacuation of a building.

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(1)(b) (*definition of bullying*)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
 JBB, Sexual Harassment
 JICDA, Code of Conduct
 JICDE, Bullying Prevention and Education
 JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity
 JICI, Weapons in School

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