

Denver Public Schools Discipline Matrix¹

Offense ²	Discipline Ladder Reference	Recommendation For Expulsion	Law Enforcement Referral
Type Five³ Robbery First or second degree assault Sale of unauthorized drugs or controlled substance Carrying, bringing, using, or possessing a knife or dangerous weapon without the authorization of the school or District Habitual disruption ⁴	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory	Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory Mandatory No
Type Four Serious fighting (including incidents with significant injuries, but which do not rise to the level of the Type Five offense "1st or 2nd degree assault") Terrorist threats (pending a threat assessment) Possession of an explosive that seriously endangers the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel Unlawful sexual conduct - see Policy JBB Willfully causing damage to the property of a school employee Assault, harassment, or false allegation of abuse against a school employee Hazing activities Other student behaviors that most seriously disrupt the school environment or seriously endanger the welfare or safety of other pupils or school personnel Recurring Type Three offenses ⁷	Level F Level F Level F Level F Level F Level F Level F Level F Level F	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional	Optional ⁵ Optional ⁵ Optional ⁵ Optional ⁵ Mandatory ⁶ Mandatory ⁶ Optional ⁵ Optional ⁵ Optional ⁵
Type Three Severe bullying - see Policy JICDE Severe harassment based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or religion - see Policy JBBA Severe sexual harassment - see Policy JBB Low-level fighting (may include incidents that result in minor injuries like cuts, scrapes, and bloody noses, etc.) Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol - see Policies JICH, JICH-R Possession of unauthorized drugs or alcohol Destruction of school property, including graffiti (\$500 and over) Theft (\$500 and over) Other school-based misconduct that substantially disrupts the school environment Recurring Type Two offenses	Level E Level E Level E Level E Level E Level E Level E Level E Level E	No No No No No No No No No	No No No No No Optional ⁵ Optional ⁵ Optional ⁵ No No
Type Two False activation of a fire alarm Minor bullying - see Policy JICDE Minor harassment based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or religion - see Policy JBBA Destruction of school property, including graffiti (under \$500) Severe defiance of authority/disobedience Trespassing Theft (under \$500) Minor sexual harassment - see Policy JBB Other school-based misconduct that disrupts the school environment Recurring Type One offenses (after going through Levels A through C of the Discipline Ladder)	Level D Level D Level D Level D Level D Level D Level D Level D Level D	No No No No No No No No No	No ⁸ No No No No No No No No
Type One Classroom disruption Excessive tardiness Picking on, bothering, or distracting other students Use of profanity or vulgarity Dress code violation - see Policy JICA Disrupting school activity Minor defiance of authority/disobedience Verbal insults or put-downs Use of cell phones, gameboys, and similar electronic devices at unauthorized times Minor damage or defacement of school property Tobacco offenses - see Policy JICG Unauthorized use of school equipment Gambling Physical aggression with another student (e.g., pushing, shoving) Scholastic dishonesty Other minor school-based misconduct	Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C Levels A-C	No No No No No No No No No No No No No No No	No No No No No No No No No No No No No No No

¹ Note that this sheet is merely a summary of Section Three of Policy JK-R. Please refer to the full policy for more detail.

² Gang-related activity at school is covered under the offenses listed in Type One through Type Five.

³ The consequences listed for Type Five offenses are required under state law.

⁴ "Habitual disruption" is not an independent offense, but rather refers to a classification under state law in which persistent misconduct at any level can result in the student being declared "habitually disruptive," for which the student will be recommended for expulsion. See Section 4-2 of Policy JK-R for more information.

⁵ For these offenses, incidents are to be resolved without the involvement of law enforcement whenever possible. See Section 7-3 of Policy JK-R for more information.

⁶ Mandatory referral to law enforcement for these offenses is required under state law.

⁷ Recurring Type One offenses can eventually proceed to Type Two and Type Three, but shall never result in referral to law enforcement.

⁸ Referral to the fire department is required.

* The Principal retains the right to take appropriate action to ensure the safety of the school, its students and staff.