



Code of Student Conduct Behavioral Contract

Prince George's County Public Schools has adopted the Code of Student Conduct to ensure that schools maintain a safe and orderly environment in which all students can learn. The principal must make a **mandatory request for expulsion** for any student who commits any of the misbehaviors listed below.

- * **Acts of Gross Misconduct at Other Schools:** Any Level III or IV misconduct, as well as other serious misconduct, which occurs at a school other than the school in which the student perpetrator is currently enrolled.
- * **Arson:** The willful and malicious burning of or attempt to burn any part of any building or property located within or upon public school-owned premises or property.
- * **Assault:** Physically pushing, hitting, or otherwise attacking another student, staff member, or other person lawfully on school property which results in substantial bodily injury to the victim.
- * **Biohazard:** Manufacture, purchase, possession, sale, distribution, use or threat of use of any infectious agents or hazardous biological materials that present a risk or potential risk to the health of humans or school environment.
- * **Bomb Threat:** The real or intentionally false claim that an explosive device is located on school property or at a school function.
- * **False Alarms:** the act of initiating a fire alarm or initiating a report warning of a fire or an impending bombing or other catastrophe without cause.
- * **Group Fight:** A group fight shall mean any physical attack or actual fighting by two or more students against another group of students consisting of two or more students. **For participants who have been identified as being involved in a group fight that has been planned, results in serious bodily injury, and/or causes serious disruption of the school day or school environment, the principal shall request an expulsion.**
- * **Physical Attack on any Prince George's County Public School System Employee:** The act of assaulting, or an attempt to assault, any administrator, teacher, or other staff member, either on school property, including Board of Education owned vehicles, or while in attendance at any Board of Education sponsored and supervised activity.
- * **Possession, Use, or Distribution of Alcohol, Marijuana, Prescription Drugs, Controlled Dangerous Substances, Imitation Controlled Substances, Inhalants, Other Intoxicants, Controlled or Drug Paraphernalia**
- * **Possession of Explosives:** The possession, use, or threatened use of any explosives or other such explosive instrument(s) capable of inflicting substantial bodily injury.
- * **Possession or Use of Weapons or Instruments Used as Such:** The act of possessing, using, or threatening to use any weapon or any tool or instrument capable of inflicting bodily injury as a weapon. The term "weapons," "tools," or "instruments" include, but are not limited to, the following items: any loaded or unloaded firearm; any knife; any razor; any defensive weapon (e.g., gas repellant, mace, stun gun, etc.); any "martial arts" device (e.g., Chinese stars, nunchaku, etc.); or any tool or instrument which school administrative staff could reasonably conclude as being capable of inflicting bodily harm (e.g., blackjack, chain, club, knuckles, night stick, pipe, studded bracelet, etc.) or gives the appearance of any of the aforementioned (e.g., air pistol, air rifle, B.B. gun). The term "firearm" includes (a) any weapon (including Starter Gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (b) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (c) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (d) any destructive device. **Note: If a student accidentally brings a weapon or look-alike weapon to school, the student should report it to a school employee as soon as the student discovers that the weapon is in his/her possession.**
- * **Shakedown/Strong Arm/Extortion:** The act of obtaining under duress or by threat, borrowing, or attempting to borrow, any money or thing of value from a person in the school, or at a school sponsored activity, unless both parties enter into the agreement freely and without the presence of an implied or express threat.
- * **Vandalism/Destruction of Property over \$500:** The act or attempted act of willful destruction or defacement of school or private property either on or off the school grounds where appropriate public school administrators have jurisdiction over students.
- * **Other Acts:** Any singular act which, in the opinion of the principal, was so severe in its purpose, motivation, or commission, that it caused an adverse impact on the educational environment. This includes any **Serious or Repeated Level I, Level II, or Level III Offense.**

I have received this information from school staff and understand that the misbehaviors listed above will lead to a mandatory request for expulsion from the Prince George's County Public Schools. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about terms and concepts I did not understand. I understand all of the terms and concepts listed above. I also understand that other misbehaviors, if they are serious enough, can result in a request for expulsion.

School		Date
Student Name (Printed)	Student Signature	Phone Number
Parent Signature	Date	