

STUDENTS

Student Responsibilities and Limitations

The school district has established rules of conduct that shall be applicable at all schools. Individual buildings may distribute written rules of conduct that cover additional areas of student behavior. Violations of a rule of conduct may result in corrective action or punishment imposed by authorized employees of the district. ***It is the intent of the Kennewick School District to provide a safe, productive, positive, and disruptive-free classroom and learning environment.*** General rules of conduct are as follows:

1. A student shall be punctual and in regular attendance unless officially excused.
2. A student must:
 - a. attend all classes assigned unless officially excused.
 - b. comply with school bus rules of conduct.
 - c. identify himself/herself on request to school district and/or public officials.
 - d. follow school rules regarding driving/parking use of vehicles during the school day.
3. A student shall not cause the substantial and material disruption of any school operation or classroom. Though not the only acts of substantial disruption, the following illustrate the kinds of offenses encompassed here:
 - a. occupying a school building or school grounds in order to deprive others of its use.
 - b. blocking the entrance or exit of any school building or room in order to deprive others of passing through.
 - c. setting fire to or damaging school property.
 - d. using, or threatening to use, firearms, explosives or other weapons on the school premises.
 - e. preventing students from attending a class or school activity.
 - f. blocking normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a school campus.
 - g. interfering seriously with the conduct of any class or activity.
 - h. urging others to use violence, force, noise, or any other conduct to cause substantial disruption at school functions.
 - i. intentionally make false accusations about staff or student behavior.
4. Students are expected to be honest, that is, lying and cheating will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
5. Students are expected to:
 - a. respect self and the rights of others
 - b. treat others as they would like to be treated

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- c. respect other people in relation to their race, gender, religion, ethnic origin, disability, and individual differences
 - d. refrain from ethnic jokes, slurs, and attire with derogatory messages
6. Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems or cause disruptions.
 7. Oral or written defamation, obscenity, profanity, and verbal and physical attacks, harassment and intimidation, are prohibited.
 8. Any student, singly or in concert with others should not intimidate by threat of force or violence any administrator, teacher, classified employee, or student of any common school who is in the peaceful discharge or conduct of his or her duties. (RCW 28.A.635)
 9. The use, sale, distribution or possession of the following are prohibited on school premises or during school sponsored activities:
 - a. drugs and narcotics.
 - b. alcoholic beverages and tobacco products and/or electronic delivery devices.
 - c. fireworks.
 - d. weapons.
 - e. pornography.
 - f. stolen property.
 10. Students are to respect the property of others. Entry, theft or possession (without permission) of another's property is prohibited.
 11. Activities defined by federal, state or municipal law as criminal are prohibited.
 12. The forging of any signature or alteration of any document is prohibited.
 13. Obvious and conscious disregard of legal requests or orders given by recognized school or civil officials.

Corrective Actions and Punishments

In order to insure that order essential to effective teaching and learning is maintained, corrective actions and punishments may be imposed by designated employees for violation of rules of student conduct. Corrective action and punishment will be imposed for good and sufficient cause in a fair and just manner, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion.

Legal Reference: RCW [4.24.190](#)

Action Against Parent for Willful Injury to

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[28A.600.010](#)

[28A.600.040](#)

[28A.400.110](#)

Property by Minor
Government of Schools
Pupils to Comply with Rules
Principals to Assure Appropriate Student
Discipline

[28A.225.170](#)

Defacing School Property
Liability of Parent

[28A.635](#)

WAC [180-40-225](#)

Misconduct Rules Defined

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