

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

JICDD – STUDENT DISCIPLINE OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIONS

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The School Board recognizes that out-of-school conduct of students attending school within this District is not normally a concern of the Board. However, the School Board believes that disciplinary action for conduct occurring during non-school hours off or on school property and not involving a school activity is proper if the conduct causes or is reasonably likely to cause a substantial disruption to the school.

Therefore, any student attending school within the District may be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from school, for any conduct that, in the opinion of the school administrators, causes or is reasonably likely to cause a substantial disruption to the school. In addition, students who engage in off-campus conduct that constitutes bullying or cyberbullying may be subject to discipline in accord with this policy and Policy JICK.

Such activity includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Damaging school property, e.g. a school bus or school window;
2. Damaging the private property of school staff or employees;
3. Engaging in activity which causes or threatens physical or emotional harm to other students, teachers, or other school personnel;
4. Engaging in activity that directly impedes discipline at school, or the general welfare of school activities or school operations;
5. Bullying, cyberbullying, and/or internet threats, whether on or off school grounds, in accordance with Policy JICK;
6. Engaging in activity that causes damage to private property of students, staff, or personnel;
7. Drinking alcohol, using tobacco products, or using illegal drugs at school bus stops;
8. Selling or distributing illegal drugs or controlled substances;
9. Any other activity the Board or administration determines impedes the general welfare of scholastic activities.

Any discipline imposed in accordance with this policy shall comply with the due process requirements contained in Policy JICD Student Discipline and Due Process.

Cyber-Bullying and Internet Threats

Reports and/or allegations of cyberbullying will be addressed in accordance with the provisions of Board policy JICK.

Consistent with applicable law, the District will not require or request that a student disclose or provide to the District the student's username, password, or other authenticating information to a student's personal social media account.

However, the District may request of a student or a student's parent/guardian that the student voluntarily share printed copies of specific information from a student's personal social media

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account if such information is relevant to an ongoing District investigation.

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RSA 189:70, Educational Institution Policies on Social Media