

## St. Paul's Lutheran School - Code of Conduct

*We recognize that in order to operate a school, proper behavior and good order is essential. Even though we would expect the children to have a desire to do God's will and lead a life becoming to a Christian, we know that the children possess a sinful flesh. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." (Matt. 26:41)*

**Although the following behaviors may apply to only a very small percentage of our students, we address these issues for the safety of all. These behaviors are never acceptable at St. Paul's.**

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Consequence</b>
<b>Inappropriate Personal Property</b>	<i>Possession of personal property prohibited by school rules and otherwise disruptive to the teaching and learning such as food, beverage</i>	D (take away)
<b>Inappropriate Electronic Devices</b>	<i>Laser pointers, beepers, pagers, cellular phones</i>	D (take away)
<b>Inappropriate Dress</b>	<i>Dressing or grooming in a manner that disrupts the teaching and learning of others</i>	D (call home)
<b>Loitering</b>	<i>Remaining around or lingering about a school building without a lawful purpose for being there</i>	D
<b>Refusal to Work or Follow Instructions</b>	<i>Failure to comply with a proper and authorized direction or instruction of a staff member</i>	D
<b>Repeated Classroom Disruption</b>	<i>Confronting staff argumentatively, throwing objects, refusing to follow directions, or making loud noises</i>	D - S
<b>Inappropriate Common Area Conduct</b>	<i>Running or being unnecessarily noisy/unruly in common areas (hallways, stairwells, etc.)</i>	M - D
<b>Tardiness</b>	<i>Failure to be in the place of instruction at the assigned time without a valid excuse</i>	2x/mo (letter) 3x/mo D
<b>Truancy</b>	<i>Failure to report to school or class without prior permission, knowledge, or excuse by school or parent</i>	S (in-house)
<b>Vandalism</b>	<i>Maliciously or intentionally causing damage to school property or the property of others. Includes situations in which minor damage can be repaired or replaced at no cost</i>	D - X
<b>Weapons/Guns</b>	<i>Possession, use, or threat to use a gun Use of any object, such as a knife, to cause bodily harm</i>	X

<b>Alcohol</b>	<i>Possessing, having under one's control, or using any alcoholic beverage</i>	S (3-5 days.) Meeting w/parent & Board
<b>Tobacco</b>	<i>Possession or smoking of tobacco products in school or on school property</i>	S (3-5 days) Meeting w/parent & Board
<b>Illegal Drugs</b>	<i>Selling, giving away, or otherwise transferring to another person any controlled substance or alcohol</i>	X
<b>Fighting</b>	<i>Horseplay Exchange of physical blows</i>	M - X
<b>Forgery</b>	<i>Writing the name of another person without permission; altering or changing any school document</i>	D - S
<b>Chronic Disruption or Violation of School Rules</b>	<i>Behavior that disrupts the educational process of others by involvement in misconduct that occurs on a regular basis over a period of time</i>	D
<b>Theft/Larceny</b>	<i>Taking property belonging to the school, or any individual or group without prior permission with specific intent to permanently deprive. This includes possession of known stolen property.</i>	D - X
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	<i>Indecent touching of another person's body</i>	S - X
<b>Harassment/Intimidation</b>	<i>Disturbing by pestering, tormenting, or threatening</i>	M - X
<b>Profanity/Vulgarity</b>	<i>Cursing, swearing, etc., whether it is verbal, written, or gesturing</i>	D - S

**CASES NOT COVERED BY SPECIFIC RULES:** It is understood that the rules contained in this code are not all inclusive. The administration and teachers may take such action that is necessary and not forbidden by law to insure God-pleasing and orderly conduct within the school. Action may be taken with respect to any offense which interferes with the orderly conduct of the school or which affects the safety and welfare of students either individually or collectively regardless of the existence or non-existence of a rule covering the offense. Acts which are crimes outside of school are considered crimes in school as well, and they will be treated similarly.

**Violations of the code of conduct may affect participation in extracurricular activities as well.**

Cumulative Consequences (per semester)

3 detentions = 1 day in-school suspension

6 detentions = 1 day home suspension

9 detentions = 3 day home suspension plus principal meeting

12 detentions = 5 day home suspension plus board/parent meeting

15 detentions = expulsion

M = Mediation

D = 40 Minute Detention

S = Suspension

X = Expulsion