



**Santa Barbara  
Unified**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Disciplinary Guidelines

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## EDUCATION CODE 48908 - DUTIES OF PUPILS

All pupils shall comply with the regulations, pursue the required course of study, and submit to the authority of the teachers of the schools.

### DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

A student may be disciplined, suspended or expelled for any of the acts listed below if the act occurs while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, during the lunch period (on or off campus), or during, going to, or coming from any school-sponsored activity at any school or on any school district's grounds. Education Code 48900(r).

(References in the "Offense" column below: EC is Education Code; SBSD BP is Santa Barbara Unified School District' Board Policy.)

	<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL OFFENSES</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Assault and/or battery on a school employee</b> [EC 48915 A(5), SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Due to the potential seriousness of this offense, an infraction of this rule will result in 5 days suspension, and recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.	None permitted.	None permitted.
<b>2</b>	<b>Offering or selling a controlled substance or alcoholic beverage or intoxicant</b> [EC 48915(c2), EC48900D, SBSD BP 5131.6, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Due to the potential seriousness of this offense, and the requirements of the CA Ed Code 48900/48915, this will result in 5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.	None permitted.	None permitted.
<b>3</b>	<b>Brandishing a knife or explosive or possession of any firearm</b> [EC 48915C, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP5144.1]	Due to the potential seriousness of this offense and the requirements of CA Ed Code 48915, this will result in 5 days suspension, and a recommendation for expulsion. Fire marshall and/or law enforcement notification.	None permitted.	None permitted.
<b>4</b>	<b>Sexual assault, committing or attempting to commit sexual assault or committing sexual battery</b> [EC 48915 (c)(4), SBSD BP 5131, and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Due to the potential seriousness of this offense and the requirements of CA Ed Code 48915, this will result in 5 days suspension, and a recommendation for expulsion. Fire marshall and/or law enforcement notification.	None permitted.	None permitted.
<b>5</b>	<b>Possession of a knife or other dangerous object at school or school activity</b> [EC 48900B, SBSD BP 51317 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	5 days suspension recommendation for expulsion unless a written report explaining the circumstances is provided to the governing board. Fire marshall and/or law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion.	None permitted.

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6	<b>Willfully causing serious injury to another person, except in self defense</b> [EC 48915 A(1), EC 48900 A(1) EC 48900 A(2), SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Due to the potential seriousness of this offense and the requirements of the CA Ed Code 48900/48915, this will result in 5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion (48915 only). Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion.	None permitted.
7	<b>Possession, under the influence and/or use of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant</b> [EC 48900C, SBSB BP 5131, SBSB BP 5144.1 and SBSB BP 5131.6]	5 days suspension, parent-student conference, mandatory counseling referral to SUPER program and/or Teen Court services to be completed within 45 school days. Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension, parent-student conference, and referral to Daniel Bryant Youth & Family Center which will include a clinical alcohol/drug assessment and a six-week Parent Program [voluntary for parents]) with the following treatment options to be determined by the Center based on the individual's needs: 1) Alcohol and drug awareness groups with drug testing; 2) 30-day Cannabis Youth Treatment ( <i>A brief intervention program for early use of marijuana</i> ); 3) six months Moderate Treatment ( <i>for more acute use of alcohol or drugs</i> ); or 4) one year Intensive Treatment ( <i>for chronically involved in alcohol and drug use</i> ). <b>The principal or superintendent may recommend the pupil for expulsion or an involuntary transfer based on a case-by-case analysis of the pupil's individual circumstances including whether the pupil has complied with the district's discipline policy requirements for the first time offense.</b>	5 days suspension, parent-student conference, law enforcement notification, and recommendation for expulsion.
8	<b>Aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person</b> [EC48900T, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services, possible law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension, Law enforcement notification, recommendation for expulsion.	None permitted.

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<b>9</b>	<b>Robbery and/or extortion</b> [EC 48915 a(4) and EC 48900E, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Due to the potential seriousness of this offense, and the requirements of the CA Ed Code 48900/48915, this will result in 5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion (48915 only). Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion.	None permitted.
<b>10</b>	<b>Terroristic Threats</b> [EC 48900.7, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension and/or possible recommendation for expulsion and Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion.	None permitted.
<b>11</b>	<b>Fire setting</b> [EC 48915 a(2), EC 48900 b and c, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services, Fire marshall and law enforcement notification, and possible recommendation for expulsion.	5 days suspension, fire marshall and law enforcement notification, and recommendation for expulsion.	None permitted.
<b>12</b>	<b>Hate crime or violence</b> [EC 48900.3, SBSB BP 5145.3, SBSB BP 5131, SBSB BP 5136 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, referral to counseling or Teen Court, law enforcement notification. Possible recommendation for expulsion.	5 days suspension, parent and law enforcement notification, recommendation for expulsion.	None permitted.
<b>13</b>	<b>Obscene acts, habitual profanity or vulgarity</b> [EC 48900i, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Alternative means of correction and/or up to 5 days suspension, Teen Court services, and parent conference.	Up to 5 days suspension, Teen Court services, and parent conference.	Up to 5 days suspension.
<b>14</b>	<b>Possession, sale and/or trade of drug paraphernalia</b> [EC 48900J, SBSB BP 5131, SBSB BP5131.6 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, and/or Teen Court services; mandatory counseling (SUPER program). Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension and possible recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.
<b>15</b>	<b>Theft, attempted theft, or possession of stolen school or personal property</b> [[EC 48900G, EC 48900L, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension, restitution, parent conference, and Teen Court services. Possible law enforcement notification and possible recommendation for expulsion.	Up to 5 days suspension, Law enforcement notification and possible recommendation for expulsion.	5 days suspension and possible recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.
<b>16</b>	<b>Vandalism/destruction of school or private property</b> [EC 48900F, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Alternative means of correction and/or up to 5 days suspension, Teen Court services, and parent conference. Law enforcement notification and possible recommendation for expulsion.	Up to 5 days suspension, law enforcement notification and possible recommendation for expulsion.	Up to 5 days suspension, law enforcement notification and possible recommendation for expulsion.

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17	<b>Possession or use of tobacco</b> [EC 48900H, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Alternative means of correction and/or up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, and Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference.	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference.
18	<b>Harassment, threats or intimidation, including via electronic transmissions</b> [EC 48900.4, SBSD BP 5145.3, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Alternative means of correction and/or up to 5 days suspension, Teen Court services, and parent notification and possible law enforcement notification.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services. Possible law enforcement notification.	Up to 5 days suspension, law enforcement notification and recommendation for expulsion.
19	<b>Bias-related incident (racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, etc.) or hazing, degrading (slurs) and disgracing any person attending the school</b> [EC 48900Q and EC 48900K, SBSD BP 5145.3, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Alternative means of correction and/or up to 5 days suspension and possible recommendation for expulsion. Teen Court services, parent conference, and possible law enforcement notification.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services, and possible recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.	Up to 5 days suspension and possible recommendation for expulsion.
20	<b>Willful disobedience/defiance and/or disrupting school activities</b> [EC 48900K, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Alternative means of correction and/or up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, and possible Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference.
21	<b>Sexual harassment</b> [EC 48900.2, SBSD BP 5145.3, SBSD BP 5145.7, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension, parent notification, referral to counseling or Teen Court services, possible law enforcement notification.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services. Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension, parent notification, and recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.
22	<b>Sale of any look alike substance representing drugs or alcohol</b> [EC 48900D, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference. Referral to Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension and possible recommendation for expulsion.	5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion.
23	<b>Possession of unauthorized articles (i.e., pornographic material, chains, or misuse of electronic devices)</b> [EC 48901.5 and EC48900K, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Parent notification; item confiscated until parent retrieval at conference. (Cell phones, electronic devices referred to site administration after school.)	Parent notification; item confiscated-to be returned to parent only, alternative means of correction, Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension and/or parent conference or Teen Court services.
24	<b>Use of physical force upon another person</b> [EC 48900 a(1), SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services, and possible law enforcement office notification.	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference. Law enforcement notification.	5 days suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.
25	<b>Falsification and/or forging or altering school correspondence, passes or absence re-admits</b> [EC48900K, SBSD BP 5131 and SBSD BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, parent conference, and Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference.

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26	<b>Upbraiding, insulting, or abusing teachers or other school personnel</b> [EC 48900K, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144]	Up to 5 days suspension, possible removal from class and/or alternative means of correction, parent conference, and Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference and/or possible removal from class. Teen Court services or a possible recommendation for involuntary transfer or expulsion.	Recommendation for Involuntary transfer or possible recommendation for expulsion.
27	<b>On any other campus without permission</b> [EC48900K, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, parent conference, and Teen Court services.	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference.	Up to 5 days suspension and parent conference.
28	<b>Academic integrity (e.g., cheating/plagiarism)</b> [EC48900(k) and SBSB BP5131]	Failing grade on affected assignment, parent contact, and referred to guidance counselor.  Depending on the seriousness of the offense, there may be law enforcement notification and/or recommendation for involuntary transfer.	Second offense within 12 months will result in failed grade in most recent affected class (contributes to GPA), parent contact, mandatory guidance counselor conference, and/or suspension up to 5 days.  Depending on the seriousness of the offense, there may be law enforcement notification and/or recommendation for involuntary transfer or expulsion.	All subsequent incidents result in failure in affected class, parent contact, and/or suspension up to 5 days.  Depending on the seriousness of the offense, there may be law enforcement notification and/or recommendation for involuntary transfer or expulsion.
29	<b>Misuse of computers and/or the Internet (see computer "Acceptable Use Policy" in Appendices)</b> [EC48900K, SBSB BP 5131 and SBSB BP 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, loss of access for specified time. Possible recommendation for expulsion.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference and loss of access to school computers for a specified time. Teen Court services. Possible recommendation for expulsion.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference and loss of access to school computers for the rest of the school year. Possible recommendation for expulsion.
30	<b>Possession of an imitation firearm</b> [Education Code 48900M, Santa Barbara Unified School District' Board Policy 5131 and Board Policy 5144.1]	Up to 5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, possible recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.	Up to 5 days suspension, parent conference, and/or Teen Court services. Possible recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.	Up to 5 days suspension, and parent conference. Possible recommendation for expulsion. Law enforcement notification.

Note:

1. With the exception of the use of personal electronic devices for academic purposes as directed by school staff members, such devices must be turned off from the first bell until dismissal (end of school day). The administration is not responsible for the loss or theft of personal items.
2. Education Code 48903 provides for the recommendation for expulsion or involuntary transfer to another school site any student who has accumulated 20 days of suspension (or 30 days if already transferred to another school for adjustment purposes).
3. Education Code 48900S provides that these disciplinary guidelines apply to students on any school campus (in or out of district) and that a pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated in this section and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following: (1) while on school grounds, (2) while going to or coming from school, (3) during the lunch period whether on or off the campus, (4) during, or while going to or coming from, a school sponsored activity.
4. Board Policy 5145.12 provides general guidance with regards to student searches. In all cases, school officials will not conduct a search absent reasonable suspicion.
5. Misuse of electronic devices (e.g., computers, cell phones, PDAs) can result in additional legal and school consequences. Misuse of electronic devices, regardless of time and place, that disrupt the educational environment will also result in application of these disciplinary rules.
6. All school lockers and all of their contents are subject to search. Students are advised not to share lockers: Unauthorized contents of a locker are presumed to belong to the student assigned to it.