

DISCIPLINE

The Brandon Valley School District, and the City of Brandon, have coordinated their efforts to sponsor the School Resource Officer Program. This program puts an officer on duty with the schools during the school year. When appropriate law enforcement will be contacted.

The Resource Officer may be reached by calling the high school office at 582-3211. The officer is available to students, parents, and staff to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have.

A. Fighting, Insubordination, and Profanity (JrK-12)

1. **Fighting:** Physical violence in an angry or quarrelsome manner with intent to harm another person or to disrupt the process of education while on school property, including parking lot and school buses.
2. **Insubordination:** Refusing to obey; failure to follow instructions or directions of a staff member; defiance; rebelliousness; or lack of cooperation.
3. **Profanity:** Swearing; use of obscene, threatening or flagrantly disrespectful oral or written language, gestures.
4. **Intimidation/Threats:** Threatening attitude and/or sexual harassment of students and teacher. Threats may be reported to school resource officer when deemed appropriate.

Any student involved in a bomb threat will be reported to school resource officer. Bomb threats are treated as a class 6 felony. The principal will have the option, after working with authorities, to suspend the student(s) up to the maximum allowable and/or refer to the Board of Education for expulsion.

B. Procedure for Determining Alleged Misconduct or Violations

The following steps will be utilized when appropriate:

1. The administrator/supervisor shall investigate the alleged misconduct or violation.
2. If the alleged misconduct or violation has occurred, the administrator/supervisor will give oral or written notice of the incident to the student and to the parents as soon as possible after the incident.
3. When appropriate, the notice shall state the policy allegedly violated, and the time and place where a hearing will be conducted by the administrator/supervisor.
4. The administrator/supervisor shall render a decision as soon as possible after the hearing and inform the student and parents.

C. Suspension – temporary denial to a student to participate in any instructional and/or school activity for a period of time.

1. **Short Term Suspension** shall mean suspension for a period of ten (10) school days or less. A school principal shall have authority to invoke a short term suspension. However, a conference involving the student, principal, and one or both parents shall be held before the student is readmitted.
2. **Long Term Suspension** shall mean a suspension for a period of eleven (11) school days or more. Long term suspension maybe ordered only by action of the Brandon Valley Board of Education. A formal hearing involving the student, principal, one or both parents, and the Board of Education may be held before the student is readmitted.
3. A major display of misconduct may result in a suspension followed by placement at our alternative school (Teachwell Academy) or referral to the Board of Education for consideration of long term suspension or expulsion.
4. Credit may be given for long term projects missed on days of suspension.
5. In the event a student discontinues enrollment and later re-enrolls within the same school year, any suspension(s) received by the student during the first enrollment period shall be in effect during the second or subsequent enrollment period(s) within the same school year.
6. **Regulations regarding special education** - See "Comprehensive Plan for Special Education".

D. Vandalism/Breaking and/or Entering – willful or malicious destruction or defacement of public or private property. The student should be counseled by the classroom teacher or building principal and the parent will be notified. Student will be subject to possible detention, suspension, alternative placement, expulsion, and/or possible referral to law enforcement agency, depending on seriousness of offense, and total financial responsibility. Failure to

accept financial responsibility will be dealt with by expulsion of student or referral to the proper law enforcement agency.