## DISCIPLINE

- A. Detention: a form of punishment that detains a student outside of the normal school hours.
  - 1. It shall be supervised by a faculty member in a separate undisturbed room within the school in the form of a study hall. Detention is held one day each week from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Lunch detention can also be used at the discretion of the administration. A student reporting for detention shall bring school work to do during the detention period.
  - 2. Students assigned detention may have one (1) day notice. Students involved in school activities will miss the activity to stay in detention.
  - 3. A student will be assigned additional detention time following the day they miss an unexcused detention. Repeat offenders may be suspended from school.
  - 4. Upon receiving their seventh detention, excluding truancies, a meeting will be scheduled with parents and may result in the student receiving in-school suspension. Subsequent detentions may also result in an additional suspension.
- B. 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 maybe reported to law enforcement when deemed appropriate.

Any student involved in a bomb threat will be reported to law enforcement. 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.

- C. Penalties for breaches of discipline defined above.
  - 1. First violation: The student shall be reprimanded and may face detention. A disciplinary referral notice shall be sent to the parents or they may be informed by telephone. In the event that the first violation is of a serious nature involving physical aggression, verbal abuse, threat, physical injury or damage to property, short term suspension may be administered.
  - 2. Second violation: Short term suspension.
  - 3. Third violation: Long term suspension or expulsion.
- D. 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.
- E. 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 may be 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. Three or more short term suspensions may result in placement at our alternative school (Teachwell Solutions) or referral to the Board of Education for consideration of long term suspension or expulsion.
- 4. Credit will 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 refer to JrK-12 Section under Special Services.
- F. 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, 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.