

**In an effort to provide a safe and supportive learning environment, A.J. Whittenberg uses a positive and proactive behavior code to guide students in their decision making. Our Positive Behavior Plan offers students multiple reminders and visual cues to guide student thinking and remind them of the Essential 18, school and classroom expectations. However, when students engage in choices that do not meet our expectations, we utilize the A.J. Whittenberg Discipline Matrix as a guide to ensure a consistent, fair and appropriate response.**

### **Level I-Disorderly Conduct**

Disorderly conduct is defined as any activity in that impacts classroom procedures or instructional activities or the orderly operation of the school. Consequence depends on the severity of the offense. Parents will be notified of consequence for each offense.

<b>Violation</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Offense</b>
School tardiness	10+ tardies negates perfect attendance			
Leaving class without permission	Warning/parent conference	1 day ISS	1 Day OSS	2 Days OS
Acting in a manner so as to interfere with classroom instruction.	Warning/parent conference	1 Day ISS	1 Day OSS	2 Days OS
Possession of personal electronic devices (CD Players, walk man, Ipod, MP3 players, Game boy, etc.) at school w/out, or in violation of, the PED agreement	Personal cell phones must be turned off and stored in book bags. If a cell phone of personal electronic device is visible, it will be given to administration until the parent is notified.			
Disruptive behavior and/or refusing to work in ISS	1 Day OSS	2 Day OSS	3 Day OSS	4 Day OS
Offensive language/gestures/written communication between or among students, to include profane language	Consequences range from ISS to OSS depending on severity			
Violation of Dress Code	Warning, reminder	Warning/ parent call	1 Day ISS	1 Day OSS
	Change to appropriate dress			
Cheating	Warning/parent call, grade reflects cheating	ISS, grade reflects cheating	OSS, grade reflects cheating	OSS, grade ref cheating

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### **Level II-Disruptive Conduct**

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Inciting a fight (including passing notes and conversations)	1-10 Days OSS			
Possession or use of unauthorized substances, including tobacco and tobacco products, non-prescription drugs, "look alike" drugs, and drug paraphernalia, including rolling papers	1 Day OSS	2 Days OSS	3 Days OSS	4 Days OSS
Public display of affection and/or inappropriate verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.	Parent conference, possible ISS	Range from ISS to OSS		
Use or possession of fireworks, smoke bombs, pepper sprays and other similar devices or materials.	Range from ISS to 10 days OSS			
Misuse of District technology resources	Range from ISS to 5 days OSS Technology privileges revoked for admin determined time			
Stealing	1-5 Days OSS			

Vandalism (minor)	Range from ISS to 3 days OSS, dependent on severity			
Verbal Confrontation	3 Days OSS	4 Days OSS	5 Days OSS	7 Days OSS
Rude, discourteous, or disrespectful behavior directed towards a teacher, school official, or staff member	ISS (first offense) 1-5 Days OSS			
Abusive language or gestures to staff member, including but not limited to profane language	3-5 Days OSS			
Inappropriate behavior resulting in removal from class by Administration	1 Day ISS to 5 Days OSS, dependent on severity			
Threats, harassment, intimidation, or bullying towards other students or staff	1 Day ISS to 5 Days OSS, dependent on severity			
Gang related activities (flashing signs, writings, verbal slang, paraphernalia, etc.)	1-3 Days OSS, possible referral to GCSO Gang Division			
Fighting (Fighting is defined as any physical contact in an aggressive manner. Fighting includes all parties who physically contacted another, regardless of who did what first)	1 Day ISS to 5 Days OSS, dependent on severity			

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### Level III-Criminal Conduct

Criminal conduct is defined as those activities engaged in by students (that result in violence to themselves or to another's person or property or poses a direct threat to the safety of themselves or others in the school. These activities usually require administrative actions which result in the immediate removal of the student from the classroom or school and/or the intervention of law enforcement. Acts of criminal conduct may include all, but are not limited to, the following violations. Consequence depends on the severity of the offense.

Violation	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	4 <sup>th</sup> Offense
Bomb threat	5-10 Days OSS, referral to law enforcement			
Possession or use of "look alike" weapons	1 Day ISS to 5 Days OSS, dependent on severity			
Theft and/or possession of stolen property	1-3 Days OSS, possible referral to law enforcement			
Possession or use of weapons (a weapon is defined as a firearm, a knife, razor or any other type of device or object which may be used to inflict injury or death)	OSS, referral to law enforcement			
Threatening to take the life of or harm upon a school employee or member of their immediate family	1-10 Days OSS			