



# Code of Conduct

**DeSoto County High School**

# LEVEL I

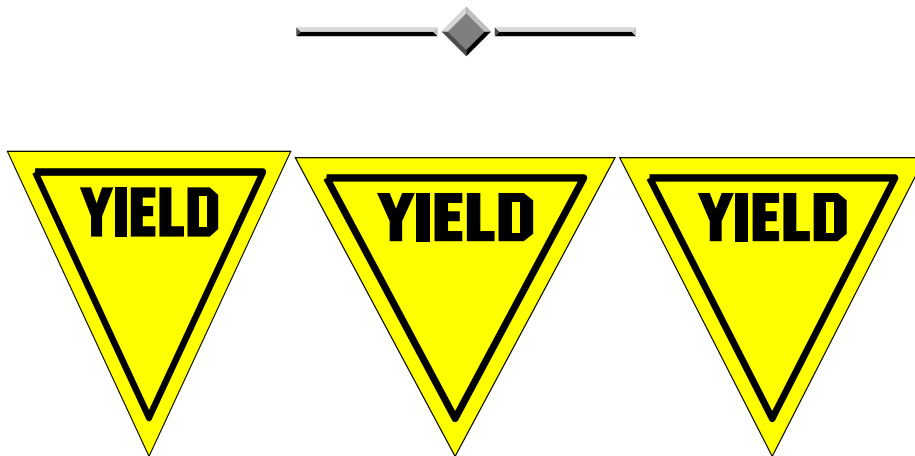
DeSoto County School District has developed expectations for students in order to handle classroom related disciplinary offenses. Copies of classroom and/or team disciplinary plans are provided to each student at the beginning of each school year. Additional copies may be obtained from any teacher. Examples of classroom offenses consist of, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Disruptive behavior that affects educational climate;
2. Out of seat when class is scheduled to begin;
3. Off-task behavior;
4. Lack of cooperation;
5. Having/selling candy, gum or beverages in class;
6. Cheating;
7. Tardies;
8. Not doing assigned work/homework;

Teachers may implement some of the following steps in order to intervene and correct student behavior.

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| Attitude adjustment time  | Detention (before/after-school/lunch) |
| Small disciplinary report | Phone home                            |
| Child Study/team referral | Privilege revoked                     |
| Classroom work details    | Extra assignment                      |
| Guidance referral         | Time out in another room              |
| Note home                 | Verbal or written warning             |
| Parent conference         |                                       |

Habitual Level I offenders may receive a large disciplinary referral after at least three of the appropriate interventions have been implemented.





OFFENSE	MINIMUM CONSEQUENCES 9-12
<p><b>1a. <u>Cutting Class</u>: Out of class without permission (over 10 minutes and no more than 1 period).</b></p> <p><b>1b. Tardies:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> At the discretion of Administrator: 3 detentions, 1 day IR OR 3 days Parking Pass Suspension</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 5 detentions OR 2 days IR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 10 detentions OR 3 days IR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 per course /per semester = 1 detention</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 4 course/per semester = 2 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 5 per course/per semester = 3 detentions; parking privileges may be revoked</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Repeated Offenses</u></b> 5 or more tardies/course = 5 detentions</p>
<p><b>2. <u>Being in areas unauthorized for students</u>: (This includes, but is not limited to, posted areas and vacant classrooms without adult supervision.)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p>
<p><b>3. <u>Horseplay</u></b> (This includes, but is not limited to: simple hitting, shoving, pushing, tripping) which could result in student injury or cause damage to property.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p>



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<p><b>7. Verbal Threat to do harm:</b></p> <p><b>A. Toward an adult</b></p> <p><b>B. Toward a student</b></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3-10 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS with recommendation for expulsion.</p> <p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 5 days OSS</p>
<p><b>8. Battery: by a student, (physical attack of another person).</b></p> <p><b>A. 1. Aggravated (violent physical attack of another person.)</b></p> <p><b>B. To an adult (attack) Premeditated and/or spontaneous physical abuse.</b></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 -10 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS, with possible recommendation for expulsion or Administrative Hearing and referral for alternative placement.</p> <p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS, with possible recommendation for expulsion, or referral for alternative placement.</p>

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<p><b>9. <u>Sexual Battery:</u></b> Any sexual act or attempt directed against another person, forcibly and/or against the person's will, including when the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his or her youth, or because of temporarily or permanent mental incapacity. This category includes rape, touching of private body parts of another person (either through human contact or using an object), and/or indecent liberties.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 -10 days OSS, with possible recommendation for expulsion, or referral for alternative placement.</p>
<p><b>10. <u>Harassment:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Sexual:</b> Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. Conduct of a sexual nature may include verbal sexual advances including subtle pressure for sexual activity; physical contact including touching, pinching, patting or brushing against; comments regarding physical or personality characteristics of a sexual nature; sexually oriented kidding, teasing, jokes, and sexting. Such conduct by a student is specifically prohibited.</p> <p><b>B. Bullying:</b> Unwelcome behavior including physical, verbal, or emotional which prompts feelings of embarrassment, anger or fear.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 -10 days OSS, with possible recommendation for expulsion, or referral for alternative placement</p>

**ALL VICTIMS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT SUCH ACTIVITY TO AN ADMINISTRATOR, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR TEACHER.**

Offenses must be reported to law enforcement authorities if the violation is criminal in nature. Such offenses may result in charges being filed by school officials. In such cases, school officials will make a reasonable effort to contact a parent immediately to enable the parent to be present during the investigation. This does not include questioning concerning any matter pertaining to school or a school related activity or event.

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<p>11. <b>Fighting:</b> (includes inciting others to violence or provoking a fight.) At any school location, school board facility, and/or vehicle.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3-10 days OSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 5-10 days OSS, with possible recommendation for alternative placement</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS (with recommendation for expulsion)</p>



Repeated offenses may result in referral for alternative placement, or recommendation for expulsion.

**WARNING:** Whenever any student, parent, or other person commits an assault or battery upon any elected official or employee of a school district, regardless of whether he knows or has reason to know the official identity or position or employment of the victim, and the elected official or employee is on school property or is away from school property on official school business, the offense for which the person is charged shall be classified:

1.	ASSAULT	= First degree misdemeanor
2.	BATTERY	= Third degree felony
3.	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	= Second degree felony
4.	AGGRAVATED BATTERY	= First degree felony

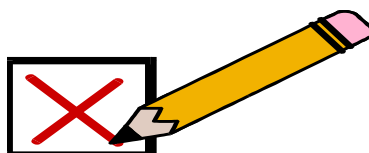
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<p><b>12. <u>Disruption of IR room, discipline office or time-out room.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 3 days OSS</p>
<p><b>13. <u>Disorderly Conduct:</u></b></p> <p>Behavior that disrupts the overall educational process of school, including loud behavior.</p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 5 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS with recommendation for alternative placement or expulsion</p>
<p><b>14. <u>Insubordination:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Refusal to identify oneself or give false identification</b></p> <p><b>B. Disrespectful language</b></p> <p><b>C. Defiance of authority</b></p> <p><b>D. Running from an adult</b></p> <p><b>E. Lying to an adult</b></p> <p><b>F. Failure to report to the IR room or discipline office when given a referral.</b></p> <p><b>G. Dress Code offenses</b></p> <p><b>H. Gum, Candy, Food, Drinks</b></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions</p> <p><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p> <p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> Phone parent; Hold student in IR until clothes are changed/warning</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> Ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for 1-5 days, Call meeting with student's parent or guardian</p> <p><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> IR 1-3 Days Ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for 1-30 days Notify parent by phone and written notice of consequences.</p> <p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> Administrative Clarification - Warning</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 1 detention</p> <p><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 2 detentions</p>

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<p>15. <u>Unauthorized presentation and/or distribution of a publication and/or unauthorized assembly.</u></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions <b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions <b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p>
<p>16. <u>Gang or Cult Related Behavior or Activities including verbal, written or physical acts:</u></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3-10 days OSS with possible recommendation for expulsion and notification to law enforcement</p>
<p>17. <u>Trespassing/Loitering:</u></p> <p>A. On school property before or after school.</p> <p>B. Being on campus when assigned to OSS.</p> <p>C. Being on another school campus without permission.</p> <p><b>*Any of these offenses may result in trespass warning from law enforcement.</b></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions <b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions <b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p> <p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 additional day OSS <b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 additional days OSS <b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 3 additional days OSS</p> <p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions <b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions <b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p>
<p>18. <u>Forging, changing, and/or destroying school or parental documents, inappropriate call-in for absence, check-out, tardies, etc.</u></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR <b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR <b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p>

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<p><b>19. <u>Electronic Devices</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Cell phones, (Wearing or use of cell phone during the school day, during school functions, or while on a school bus.)</b></p> <p><b>B. CD players, IPOD, MP3 players, PSP, etc. (Possession or use of during school hours.)</b></p> <p><b>C. Laser Pointers</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> Device confiscated and held at school for 24 hrs; Parent notified to pick up phone</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> Device confiscated and held for a minimum of 1 week; Parent notified to pick up phone</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third offense</u></b> Device confiscated and held for a minimum of 30 days; Parent notified to pick up phone</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ELECTRONIC DEVICES MAY ONLY BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 8 AM AND 4 PM DAILY</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> Student is warned; Parent called to pick up item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions; Parent called to pick up item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions; Parent called to pick up item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: For a minimum of consequences, student must cooperate by turning over item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> Student is warned; Parent called to pick up item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions; Parent called to pick up item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS; Parent must pick up item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: For a minimum of consequences, student must cooperate by turning over item.</p>

**STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, DURING SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR WHILE ON A SCHOOL BUS.**

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<p><b>20. <u>Weapons:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Guns</b></p> <p><b>B. Dangerous instruments and contraband, weapon look-a-like.</b></p> <p><b>C. Using staples, broken pencils, and projectiles which causes harm to another person.</b></p> <p><b>D. Using staples, broken pencils, or other objects that could cause physical harm as projectiles.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS, with recommendation for expulsion and referral to law enforcement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3-10 days OSS, possible recommendation for expulsion or alternative placement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 days OSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 5 days OSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS, with possible recommendation for expulsion or alternative placement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1-10 days OSS</p>



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<p><b>21. <u>Damage or destruction of school property or other school board facilities:</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Defacing school property. (i.e. graffiti)</b></p> <p><b>B. Deliberate destruction, breaking, or vandalizing of school property.</b></p> <p><b>C. Losing or damaging textbooks or other instructional materials</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b></p> <p>Full payment for replacement or repairs; possible loss of privileges; 2 days IR.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b></p> <p>Full payment for replacement or repairs; possible loss of privileges; 1 day OSS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b></p> <p>Full payment for replacement or repairs; possible loss of privileges; 3 days OSS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b></p> <p>Full payment for replacement or repairs; 10 days OSS, possible expulsion and/or prosecution; administrative hearing and recommendation for alternative placement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b></p> <p>Full payment for replacement of lost or damaged instructional materials; possible loss of privileges.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b></p> <p>Full payment for replacement of lost of damaged instructional materials; possible assignment to on-campus community services chores.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b></p> <p>Full payment for replacement of lost of damaged instructional materials; issued texts for class use only; barred from all extracurricular activities including all sports, band, etc., and denial or revocation of on-campus parking privilege.</p>

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<p><b>22. <u>Tobacco Products:</u></b> Use, possession, and/or transmission of tobacco or look-a-like tobacco products.</p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 5 days OSS</p> <p><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS, with recommendation for expulsion or alternative placement.</p>
<p><b>23. <u>Drugs:</u></b> A. Use or possession B. Selling drugs C. Possession of paraphernalia normally associated with the use of controlled substances. D. Possession or selling of look-a-like drug substances. E. Narcotics F. Under the Influence of</p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS; recommendation for expulsion; appropriate Law Enforcement Agency contacted; Administrative Hearing.</p>
<p><b>24. <u>Alcoholic Beverages (use/possession/under the influence of)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS with referral to School Social Worker.</p> <p><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> Recommendation for expulsion.</p>

**386.212**

It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years of age to smoke tobacco in, on, or within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising of public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and midnight. This section shall not apply to any person occupying a moving vehicle or within a private residence.

**230.235**

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<p><b>25. <u>Theft:</u></b></p> <p><b>Includes school or personal property, media center materials, supplies</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 days OSS/with restitution</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 5 days OSS/with restitution and legal authorities notified</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS/with restitution and authorities notified.</p>
<p><b>26. <u>False fire alarms, false 911 calls, bomb threats or threats of arson:</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS, recommendation for expulsion and/or prosecution under Florida Statutes; or referral for alternative placement.</p>
<p><b>27. <u>Extortion:</u></b> <b>Obtaining money, goods, or services through threats or intimidation.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> Possible 10 day OSS and expulsion and/or prosecution under Florida Statutes; recommendation for alternative placement.</p>

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<p><b>28. <u>Computer Violations:</u></b> Inappropriate use of computer/network system.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 3 days OSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 5 days OSS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS with possible recommendation for expulsion.</p>
<p><b>29. <u>Terrorist Threat:</u></b> A general threat to do bodily harm by the use of a personal weapon or a weapon of mass destruction.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 10 days OSS with possible recommendation for expulsion.</p>
<p><b>30. <u>Repeated Section I (Minor Offenses):</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First Offense</u></b> 1 day IR or 3 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Offense</u></b> 2 days IR or 5 detentions</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Offense</u></b> 1 day OSS</p>
<p><b>31. Any action on the part of a student that would jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of our school community not previously cited. Any action on the part of a student which would allow a fellow student to be in violation of school discipline code.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Principals may use any step depending on the severity of the offense.</b></p>