

Biloxi High

DISRUPTIONS/DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS

Discipline Ladder (37-11-56)

CONSEQUENCES

1. Possession of a weapon as defined in student conduct (Reported to Police) (37-11-18)	1. Step 7
2. Bomb threat (97-37-21)	2. Step 7
3. Tampering or opening emergency equipment, devices, or exits	3. Step 6-7
4. Use or possession of fireworks	4. Step 5-7
5. Use or possession of laser items	5. Step 2-6
6. Use, sale, possession, or distribution of drugs including spice, drug paraphernalia, or being "under the influence" (Reported to Police) (67-1-81)	6. Step 6-7
7. Use, possession, or distribution of medicine	7. Step 3-7
8. Use, sale, possession, or distribution of alcohol or alcohol-related products (Reported to Police) (67-1-81)	8. Step 6-7
9. Use, sale, possession, or distribution of tobacco or tobacco-related products including e-cigarettes (May be reported to Police)	9. Step 4-6 City Court**
10. Gambling, possession, or distribution of gambling devices	10. Step 3-5
11. Possession of pornography	11. Step 4-7
12. Profanity or vulgarity (to include acts, gestures, or symbols directed at another person) (97-29-47)	12. Step 4-6
13. Harassment, intimidation, or threatening of other students or staff (97-3-85)	13. Step 4-7
14. Fighting/Other physical assault (Reported to Police) Students who do not follow directives of staff will receive 9-day suspension.	14. Step 4-7
15. Use, possession, or distribution of dangerous objects	15. Step 2-7
16. Gang activity, association	16. Step 3-7
17. Biting	17. Step 4-7
18. Sexual harassment/assault	18. Step 4-7
19. Horse playing on campus	19. Step 1-4
20. Public display of affection	20. Step 2-7
21. Dress code violations	21. Step 1-4
22. Chewing gum on campus	22. Step 1-3
23. Improper behavior in the cafeteria, on the campus	23. Step 2-5
24. Improper behavior at assemblies or other school activities (subject to be removed from program)	24. Step 2-5
25. Disrupting instructional time	25. Step 2-7
26. Defacing or otherwise injuring school district owned property (to include writing on school walls, inside or outside)(to include restitution for damages)(37-11-19)	26. Step 3-6
27. Stealing (to include restitution)	27. Step 4-6
28. Unauthorized fund raising, including sale of candy and gum	28. Step 1-4
29. Failure to return fund raising items or equivalent money (to include restitution)	29. Step 3-5
30. Campus disturbance	30. Step 4-6
31. Tardies	31. Step 2-4
32. Cutting classes/truancy	32. Step 3-5
33. Out of area or misbehavior	33. Step 2-4
34. Leaving campus without authorization (May be reported to the Police Department)	34. Step 3-5
35. Leaving class without permission	35. Step 1-4
36. Trespassing	36. Step 4-6
37. Driving violation or failure to yield to a school bus stop arm (Meeting or overtaking: MS 63-3-615) (with possible loss of driving privileges) Grades 9-12 only	37. Step 1-3

38. Other misbehavior as determined by the administration	38. Step 2-7
39. Disrespectful behavior to staff members	39. Step 2-5
40. Defiance of authority	40. Step 2-6
41. Refusal to identify oneself properly when requested to do so by a faculty or staff member	41. Step 4-5
42. Lying to authorities	42. Step 4-6
43. Using forged or altered documents (report cards, progress reports, parental notes, hall or bus passes, other students lunch numbers, etc.) (97-32-9)	43. Step 4-6
44. Failure to serve assigned detention	44. Step 1-4
45. Failure to report to the office	45. Step 4-6

Consequences for excessive tardies and unlawful absences are noted in the Attendance section.

** Numbers in parenthesis refer to laws of MS Code of 1972*

*** In accordance with Mississippi Code 97-32-29, a citation will be issued and a fine will be assessed by the City Court.*

Any discipline problem resulting in the student's placement on Steps 4-7 may be reported to police if appropriate.

Successful completion in an administrative program may be available in Steps 5 and 6.

Cumulative misbehavior, singularly inappropriate misbehavior or misbehavior which occurs after placement on Step 5 or 6 of the Discipline Ladder may result in placement on Step 7 of the Ladder.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE LADDER, 7-12

- Step 1
1. Contact parent or legal guardian (phone or visit).
 2. Student conference.
 3. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for five (5) school days from entry onto ladder.
- Step 2
1. Contact parent or legal guardian (phone or visit).
 2. School detention (1 or 2 days).
 3. Failure to report to detention will result in the student's being placed on Step 4 of the Discipline Ladder.
 4. Any student who is disruptive or uncooperative in school detention will be referred to an administrator for further discipline.
 5. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for ten (10) school days from date of entry onto the ladder.
- Step 3
1. Contact parent or legal guardian.
 2. Parent and student conference. Detention, in-school reassignment (ISR), or suspension off the bus three (3) days.
 3. Loss of all privileges during time of ISR and a loss of the right to privileges and/or the right to participate in extracurricular activities.
 4. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for fifteen (15) school days from date of return to school after consequence.

- Step 4
1. Contact parent or legal guardian (personal visit with building administrator before student is allowed to return to class/ ride the bus).
 2. In-school reassignment (ISR), one (1) to three (3) days and/or Suspension off the bus three (3) to five (5) days.
 3. Loss of all privileges during time of reassignment/suspension and a loss of the right to privileges and/or the right to participate in extracurricular activities.
 4. Parent may be required to attend classes with student during time to be determined by administrator.
 5. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for twenty (20) school days from date of return to school after suspension.
- Step 5
1. Contact parent or legal guardian (personal visit with building administrator before student is allowed to return to class/ ride the bus).
 2. Out-of-school suspension, three (3) to five (5) days or in-school reassignment (ISR) for three (3) to five (5) days, and Suspension off the Bus five (5) to ten (10) days.
 3. Referral to central office and intervention as determined by administration.
 4. Loss of all privileges during time of reassignment/suspension and a loss of the right to privileges and/or the right to participate in extracurricular activities.
 5. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for twenty-five (25) school days from date of return to school after suspension.
- Step 6
1. Contact parent or legal guardian (personal visit with building administrator before student is allowed to return to class/ ride the bus).
 2. Out-of-school suspension for five (5) to ten (10) days and suspension off the bus forty-five (45) days or for the remainder of the semester/school year.
 3. Referral to and meeting with designated central office administrator.
 4. Loss of all privileges during time of suspension and a loss of the right to privileges and/or the right to participate in extracurricular activities.
 5. Parent may be required to attend classes with student during time to be determined by administration.
 6. Removal from ladder if not referred to office for thirty (30) school days from date of return to school after suspension.
- Step 7
1. Contact parent/legal guardian (personal visit or letter).
 2. Ten (10) days out-of-school suspension. Recommendation for expulsion. A copy of Due Process/Hearing Procedures Policy JCAA will be given to the student and parent.
 3. A student may be recommended for expulsion at any time the administrator feels that the student's actions warrant such recommendation.
 4. Loss of all privileges during time of suspension and a loss of the right to privileges and/or the right to participate in extracurricular activities.
 5. If a student returns to school, probation for thirty-five (35) school days; removal from ladder if not referred to office for thirty-five (35) school days from date of return to school after suspension and/or determination by the School Board.,

A student may be recommended for expulsion at any time if the administration feels that the student's actions warrant such recommendation.

- A. Incentive is provided for the student to improve his/her behavior through provisions of a probationary period that allows a student to remove himself/herself from the discipline ladder by improved conduct.
- B. A parent/guardian conference with an administrator may be required before a student can return to school after a suspension. (Steps 3, 4, 5, or 6)
- C. A student may enter the Discipline Ladder at any step, depending upon the nature of the offense.
- D. Failure to complete the punishment as designated may result in escalation to the next step in the ladder.

- E. Return to the office during the probationary period prescribed in the Discipline Step may result in escalation to the next step.
- F. Loss of privileges means that during the time stated the student cannot participate in assemblies or any school function designated as an extra activity, including athletic events, dances, plays, extracurricular programs, field trips, school-sponsored activities, etc.
- G. A student may be suspended from riding to and from school on the school bus as a result of misbehavior on the bus.
- H. In all disciplinary matters, a student will be accorded due process under the district policy JCAA governing student rights.
- I. All disciplinary actions are subject to administrative options as to placement on the disciplinary ladder in keeping with the severity of the student misbehavior.
- J. A student may be placed in Alternative Education either through action by the Board of Trustees or through Administrative Placement.
- K. Refer to Policy JCA.

REQUIRED PARENT CONFERENCES

Any parent, guardian or custodian of a compulsory-school-age child who (a) fails to attend a discipline conference to which such parent, guardian or custodian has been summoned under the provisions of this section, or (b) refuses or willfully fails to perform any other duties imposed upon him or her under the provisions of this section, shall be given the opportunity to enroll in a series of parenting classes consisting of not less than twenty (20) hours of instruction as developed by the M.P.A.C. Program Coordinator and appropriate to the age of the parents' child. If the parent does not attend the series of classes, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). MS Code Section 37-11-53

SCHOOL SAFETY ACT

In accordance with the Mississippi School Safety Act of 2001 (Section 37-11-53, MS Code of 1972, amended), the following policies shall be in effect in the Biloxi Public School District:

- (a) A parent, guardian or custodian of a compulsory-school-age child enrolled in the school district shall be responsible financially for his/her minor child's destructive acts against school property or persons; (b) a parent, guardian or custodian of a compulsory-school-age child enrolled in the district may be requested to appear at school by the school attendance officer or an appropriate school official for a conference regarding acts of the child specified in (a) above or for any other discipline conference regarding the acts of the child; (c) any parent, guardian or custodian of a compulsory-school-age child enrolled in a school district who refuses or willfully fails to attend such discipline conference specified in (b) above may be summoned by proper notification by the Superintendent of Schools or the school attendance officer and be required to attend such discipline conferences.
- Any parent, guardian or custodian of a compulsory-school-age child who (a) fails to attend a discipline conference to which such parent, guardian or custodian has been summoned under the provisions of this section, or (b) refuses or willfully fails to perform any other duties imposed upon him or her under the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).
- The School District shall be entitled to recover damages in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), plus necessary court costs, from the parents of any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years and over the age of six (6) years who maliciously and willfully damages or destroys property belonging to the school district. The action authorized in this section shall be in addition to all other actions which the school district is entitled to maintain and nothing in this section shall preclude recovery in a greater amount from the minor or from a person, including the parents, for damages to which such minor or other person would otherwise be liable.

- The School District's discipline plan may provide that as an alternative to suspension, a student may remain in school by having the parent, guardian or custodian, with the consent of the student's teacher or teachers, attend class with the student for a period of time specifically agreed upon by the reporting teacher and school principal. If the parent, guardian or custodian does not agree to attend class with the student or fails to attend class with the student, the student shall be suspended in accordance with the code of student conduct and discipline policies of the school district.

The teacher is the authority in classroom matters and his/her decisions which are in compliance with the written discipline code of conduct shall be supported by the administration. The teacher shall have the right to remove from the classroom any student who, in the professional judgment of the teacher, is disrupting the learning environment, and send him/her to the office of the principal or assistant principal.

Children 13 and Older

The school principal, reporting teacher and student's parent/guardian shall create a written behavior modification plan for any child who for the second time causes a disruption in the classroom which seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate with the students in a classroom, with students' ability to learn, or with the operation of a school or school-related activity. The creation of this plan is not required for disruptions which are violations of law or offenses which amount to a Step 6-7 offense. If the child fails to follow the behavior modification plan, he/she may be deemed "habitually disruptive" and recommended for expulsion. The superintendent of schools and the principal of a school shall have the power to suspend a pupil for good cause, including misconduct in the school or on school property, as defined in Section 37-11-29, on the road to and from school, or at any school-related activity or event, or for conduct occurring on property other than school property or other than a school-related activity or event when such conduct by a pupil, in the determination of the superintendent or principal, renders that pupil's presence in the classroom a disruption to the educational environment of the school or a detriment to the best interest and welfare of the pupils and teacher of such class as a whole, or for any reason for which such pupil might be suspended, dismissed or expelled by the school board under state or federal law or any rule, regulation or policy of the local school district.

SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE

The privilege of riding a school bus carries with it some responsibilities on the part of the student. Drivers are expected to keep order and discipline on the bus, but their major responsibility has to be driving the bus. Therefore, students are expected to cooperate with the regulations.

School buses and bus stops are assigned to qualifying students. No bus passes are given to permit deviation from the assigned bus. (Transportation Director, 436-5140)

Any act which places the safety of the students on the bus at risk will be referred to the principal for appropriate action.

Student behavior may be monitored on a random basis through video recording equipment installed on district buses. Students found to be continually disruptive or threatening to the safety of other students will be immediately removed from the bus and will be suspended from bus transportation.

Biloxi High Bus Discipline

<u>Disruptions</u>	<u>Consequences</u>
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2. Bomb threat (97-37-21)	2. Step 7
3. Tampering or opening emergency equipment, devices, or exits	3. Step 6
4. Use or possession of fireworks	4. Step 5-6
5. Use or possession of laser items (Bus Suspension)	5. Step 6
6. Use, sale, possession, or distribution of drugs including spice, drug paraphernalia, or being "under the influence" (Reported to Police) (67-1-81)	6. Step 6
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14. Fighting/Other physical assault (Reported to Police) (45-Day bus suspension in addition to OSS.) Students who do not follow directives of staff will receive 9-day suspension.	14. Step 6
15. Use, possession, or distribution of dangerous objects	15. Step 3-6
16. Gang activity, association	16. Step 3-6
17. Biting	17. Step 4-6
18. Sexual harassment/assault	18. Step 4-6
19. Horse playing on bus	19. Step 4-6
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21. Dress code violations	21. Step 1-3
22. Chewing gum on bus	22. Step 3-6
23. Defacing or otherwise injuring school district owned property (to include restitution for damages)(37-11-19)	23. Step 3-6
24. Stealing (to include restitution)	24. Step 4-5
25. School bus disturbance	25. Step 4-5
26. Late to the school bus stop	26. Step 2-4
27. Misbehavior at a school bus stop	27. Step 2-7
28. Getting off at the wrong bus stop (May be reported to the Police Department)	28. Step 3-6
29. Boarding the wrong bus	29. Step 4-5
30. Other misbehavior (school bus related) as determined by the administration (Bus: disregarding the bus staff instructions, failure to stay seated, not in assigned seat, consuming beverages and food, throwing objects, loud talking and noises, littering, etc.)	30. Step 2-7
31. Disrespectful behavior to staff members	31. Step 3-6
32. Defiance of authority	32. Step 5-6
33. Refusal to identify oneself properly when requested to do so by a faculty or staff member	33. Step 4
34. Lying to authorities	34. Step 4-5
35. Using forged or altered bus passes (97-32-9)	35. Step 4-6
36. Failure to serve bus suspension	36. Step 5-6
37. Failure to board the bus immediately	37. Step 4
38. Unauthorized fund raising, including sale of candy and gum	38. Step 1-3