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Alcoholic beverages—

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages in any form on school property, including DCPS-owned vehicles, or while in attendance at any DCPS-sponsored and supervised activity is prohibited.

Armed robbery—

The commission of a robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

- **Robbery** is the unlawful taking of another's property from his/her person or immediate presence by the use of violence or intimidation.
- **Strong-arm Robbery** or shakedown is the act of extortion or borrowing or attempting to borrow any money or things of value from a person in the school, upon a DCPS-owned vehicle, or in attendance at a DCPS-sponsored and supervised activity.

Arson—

The willful and malicious burning of or attempt to burn any building or property of the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Assault—

An assault with actual contact, the unlawful beating or any physical force or violence unlawfully applied to the person of another (e.g., jostling, throwing water or dirt at another, tearing clothes, seizing or striking another, and verbal threat to do bodily harm).

Barring Notice—

Specific written instructions presented or served to an individual by the principal, or administrator in charge, denying the individual access to the building or DCPS property while school is in session, or in cases of administrative office, during the official work day.

Bomb threat—

A telephone call or other means of communication posing the possibility of danger to the employees, students, and visitors or damage to DC Public School facilities.

Burglary—

Forcibly entering a building in the day or night with the intent to commit a criminal offense such as theft or vandalism. This does not include entering with the intent to commit a crime against a person (e.g., assault, homicide, etc.).

Child abuse—

Mistreatment of a child by a parent or guardian, including neglect or beating.

Common area—

Any location on school property to which more than one person has routine access (i.e., lavatories, stairwells, and hallways).

Corporal punishment—

The use or attempted use of physical force upon or against a student either intentionally or with reckless disregard for the student's safety.

Disruptive Acts—

All criminal acts and all non-felonious acts, such as student boycotts, sit-ins, walk-outs demonstrations, strikes, which by their nature are disruptive.

Drugs—

- **Distribution** of a controlled substance implies the transfer of such substance to any other person, with or without the exchange of money or other valuables, including possession with intent to distribute.
- **Narcotics** refers to opium, coca leaves and several alkaloids made from them, the best known being morphine, heroin, codeine, and cocaine. Also, several synthetic substances and tranquilizers most commonly known as PCP.
- **Possession** of an unlawful controlled dangerous substance for one's personal use including controlled paraphernalia.
- **Drug use** refers to the use of a controlled substance and implies that a student is reasonably known to have assimilated same (e.g., smoking marijuana, taking pills, etc.) or is reasonably found to be under the influence of same while under the jurisdiction of school authorities.

Hostage—

The act of holding a person against his/her will or unlawfully holding the property of another as a pledge or in exchange for certain agreements or demands.

- **Hostage situation**—is a hostage act in progress.
- **Hostage taker**—is a person(s) who commits the act of taking a hostage.

Negligent act—

occurs when an employee fails to report potential unsafe, unhealthful, or insecure situations or creates these conditions by nonperformance of duty.

Sex offense—

A sex offense is the act or attempted act of rape, sodomy, carnal knowledge, sexual abuse, indecent exposure, fornication, obscene phone calls, or other illegal contact.

Theft or larceny—

Refers to the unlawful taking and carrying away of property of another with the intent to deprive the lawful owners of its use.

Trespass—

Intentional and unauthorized entrance onto school property.

Under-the-influence—

Any abnormal mental or physical condition resulting from indulging in any degree in intoxicating liquors, narcotic drugs, or other drugs which tend to deprive one of clearness of thought and control of the self.

Unlawful entry—

Entering a building without proper authorization or without following prescribed procedures (e.g., reporting to the office).

Vandalism and/or destruction of property—

The act or attempted act of willful destruction or defacement of public or private property.

Weapons—

- ***Dangerous***—is a weapon that produces death or great bodily harm.
- ***Possession of use***—is the act of possessing, using, or threatening to use any instrument as a weapon capable of inflicting bodily injury.