



Missouri Middle School Office-Managed Behaviors

Problem Behavior	Definition
1. Possession of weapons	Being in possession of any items designed as weapons including simulated weapons (e.g., knives, chains, clubs, brass knuckles, firearms, gases such as mace, etc.)
2. Fighting or assault	Fighting involves the mutual exchange of physical contact such as shoving and hitting with or without injury. Assault is when one student or group of students may be inflicting bodily harm to another student or staff member.
3. Possession of controlled substance	Being in possession of or using any form of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. Includes all mood-altering substances or imitation of that have not been medically prescribed for the student.
4. Theft	Taking property belonging to the school or any individual or group without prior permission.
5. Vandalism	Intentionally causing damage to or defacing school property or the property of others.
6. Abusive Language	Verbal threats or swearing audibly directed at staff or other students.
7. Disruption to the learning environment	Having sustained, disorderly behavior that prevents instruction from continuing or continuing with difficulty after reasonable attempts to correct the behavior.
8. Noncompliance	Refusal to follow directions, accept "no" for an answer, or accept a consequence when reasonable efforts have been made to de-escalate and enable the student to cooperate.
9. Leaving school grounds without permission	Leaving the school grounds, building, classroom or assigned area without obtaining prior approval of staff.
10. Chronic behaviors not responding to interventions	A pattern of frequent or increasingly complex behavior that is resistant to the use of staff-managed interventions. Assistance has been sought and multiple efforts attempted.

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