

# Polaris Discipline Policies



## Rules of Conduct and Consequences

PHS provides a safe environment to foster student learning. Every student, teacher, and staff member deserves to feel safe, and be free from danger. Students attend school to learn academics, behavior skills, social skills, and work skills. Learning is enhanced in an organized environment where the establishment of academic and behavioral expectations is essential for student success.

## Discipline

School discipline will be followed according to Alpine School District's policies and procedures. ([http://policy.alpinedistrict.org/policy/5180\\_Discipline\\_Rule](http://policy.alpinedistrict.org/policy/5180_Discipline_Rule)).

- 1) A teacher may exclude a student from class when the seriousness of the offense, the persistence of the behavior, or the disruptive effect of the violation makes the continued presence of the student unacceptable.
- 2) An administrator may exclude a student from school if the student commits an act which is good cause for suspension under Alpine School District policy. These acts include when a student under ASD supervision:
  - a. Steals or attempts to steal school or private property.
  - b. Causes or attempts to cause damage to private property.
  - c. Causes, attempts to cause, or threatens to cause harm to the school or school property, to another person, to a person associated with the school, or property associated with any such person, regardless of where it occurs. (Utah Code Annotated 53A-11-904)
  - d. Possesses, sells, or otherwise furnishes or threatens the use of any real, look alike, or pretend weapon (firearm, knife, explosive), or incendiary devices (matches or cigarette lighters) or other dangerous object.
  - e. Possesses, uses, sells, or otherwise furnishes, or is under the influence of any controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
  - f. Possesses or uses tobacco.
  - g. Commits an obscene act or engages in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
  - h. Disrupts school activities, the instructional program or other aspects of the school day.
  - i. Commits an act involving the use of force or the threatened use of force which if committed by an adult would be a felony or class A misdemeanor.

*This is defined as aggravated assault (use of weapon) or assault against a school employee or volunteer. (Utah Code Annotated 76-5-102.3/103)*

- j. Frequent or flagrant willful disobedience, defiance of proper authority, or disruptive behavior.
- k. Is truant from school.
- l. Engages in promiscuous sexual activity.
- m. Commits an act of sexual harassment against another student
- n. Possesses or uses, sells or threatens the use of or otherwise furnishes poisons, noxious, irritating, or poisonous gases.
- o. Initiates or participates in a bomb threat.
- p. Possesses or uses pornographic material on school property.

Students or Parents may appeal suspensions by following the process outlined in the discipline rule cited above.

**If the student is to be sent home, the parent or legal guardian shall provide transportation.**

### **Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs**

Polaris High is a Drug Free Zone. Students may not possess, use or distribute any alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes regardless of nicotine content), other drugs (including any imitation controlled substance, e.g. "spice") or paraphernalia associated with such within 1000 feet (approximately 3 blocks) of school property. Students breaking the policy will have their parents notified and will be referred to the police and school district for appropriate action, which may include a district expulsion hearing.

Possession or use of tobacco is illegal for individuals under the age of 19. Smoking is prohibited on or within 1,000 feet of school property. Students who are caught smoking will be referred to the Orem Police.

### **Bullying/Harassment**

Polaris High will not tolerate bullying/harassing behavior, defined as any physical or verbal aggression, intimidation, initiation, or discrimination of any school employee, student, or guest. This also includes but is not limited to hazing, sexual, racial, religious, or disability related harassment. Name calling, belittling of others, inappropriate use of sexual language or words, and purposeful exclusion at school or school-related activities will not be tolerated. Bullying/Harassing behavior away from school or online may also result in legal and disciplinary actions, pending the impact such action has on the school learning environment and/or student safety.

### **Safe School Policy**

The Alpine School District Safe Schools Policy prohibits disruptive acts and/or bullying; dangerous weapons; hazing/harassment; abetting; and gangs, secret societies, and hate groups; and the other prohibited acts as defined below.

*Definitions:*

*Disruptive acts:* Acts that disrupt the daily operation of the school include but are not limited to physical or sexual assault, intimidation, aggression, and possessing or displaying a dangerous weapon.

*Dangerous weapons:* Any item capable of causing death or serious bodily injury, or a facsimile or representation of the item. Dangerous weapons as defined by these rules shall include, but not be limited to, firearms, knives, metal knuckles, straight razors, explosives, poisons, drugs, and noxious, irritating or poisonous gases.

*Hazing/Harassment:* Intimidation of a student or staff member or any act that injures, degrades or disgraces a student or staff member.

*Abetting* - The act of supporting, encouraging, and/or assisting activities which violate the safe schools policy.

*Gang/Secret Societies/Hate Groups:* A group of two or more people who form an allegiance and engage in a range of disruptive behaviors that may include violent or unlawful activity or which advocate hatred or discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability.

*Other Prohibited Acts - Students may not:*

- a. Wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gangs, secret societies or hate groups.
- b. Commit acts, or use speech either verbal or non-verbal (gestures, hand-shakes, etc.), showing membership or affiliation in gangs, secret societies or hate groups.
- c. Use speech or commit any acts or omissions in furtherance of the interests of the gang, group or society, including, but not limited to 1) soliciting others for membership 2) requesting persons to pay for protection or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person 3) committing other illegal acts or other violations of school district policies 4) inciting other students to act with physical violence upon any other person, and 5) defacing school property (ie: books, lockers, walls, etc.).

## **Language**

Inappropriate language is not acceptable. Using inappropriate language will result in disciplinary action and may include suspension.

## **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend school every day when scheduled and arrive promptly. Absences may be excused by parent(s) or legal guardians. Utah law

requires parents to ensure the attendance of their children in school. Parents/guardians are expected to call the school the day of the absence.

- Parents must clear the absence with the office within **2 days of the absence. Two or more un-cleared absences result in truancy interventions.**
- **Checking In/Out:** Students are required to check in and out of the office when arriving late or leaving before the end of the school day.
- **Parent permission is required for all students checking out. Parents may only excuse their own student.**

*Hall Passes:* Students are required to have a hall pass when out of the class (going to the office, restrooms, etc.). Students without a hall pass may be marked truant.

### **Cell Phones and Electronic Devices**

Cell phones and **ANY** other electronic devices will not be used during instructional time. Individual teachers will define instructional time. School Administration will support policies written by individual teachers. These policies will be included in each disclosure document.

Students who are using an electronic device or cell phone during class in any way that disrupts class or school operations will be reminded of teacher expectations and be given the opportunity to start a resolution process.

**Students are personally responsible for the security of phones and electronic devices brought to the school. The school shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or unauthorized calls made by non-owners. Device owners are jointly responsible for misuse and policy violation(s).**

### **Closed Campus**

PHS is a closed campus. Visitors must sign in at the main office. The purpose of this is to maintain a favorable learning environment as well as the general safety of the staff and students. Friends and visitors are not allowed to attend classes with students.

Students may not leave campus during the school day unless they have been checked out prior to leaving school by a parent/guardian in the attendance office. Leaving campus without being properly checked out will show as truancy on the student's attendance record.

### **Dress Code**

Fads and extremes in student appearance tend to attract improper attention and interfere with the educational process. The Alpine School Board of Education

requires students to conform to community standards and avoid extreme, unsafe or inappropriate dress appearance. State law also requires that appropriate footwear be worn at all times. Those who do not follow the dress and grooming standards may be asked to change or go home. Students who repeatedly wear inappropriate attire will be asked to conference with one of the administrators and their guardian/parent to resolve the problem.

The following list outlines examples of inappropriate dress, which should not be worn to school:

1. No sleeveless shirts/tops/dresses/jerseys
2. Shirts which show the midriff or belly
3. Short shorts or short skirts (length must be closer to the knee than mid-thigh; front, back, or side slits in skirts may not extend above mid-thigh)
4. Revealing clothing (too tight, too short, too small, or exhibiting cleavage)
5. Display of undergarments - even through sheer fabric
6. Clothing with inappropriate language, slogans or pictures, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol, and violence
7. Any attire which identifies, promotes, or suggests illegal or gang activity is NOT permitted. This includes but is not limited to: bandanas, headgear, jewelry, symbols, insignia, the manner in which the clothing is worn, and other adornment signaling gang affiliation or illegal activities. Hats will be worn straight forward or straight back.
8. Display of undergarments - even through sheer fabric is not appropriate. Low riding pants are unacceptable for both female and male students.

### **Trespassing**

PHS students are not allowed on any other property of Alpine School District unless they have official business. This includes the local Elementary, Jr. Highs, and High Schools within your neighborhood. Students who are caught on other property may be cited by the local police departments.