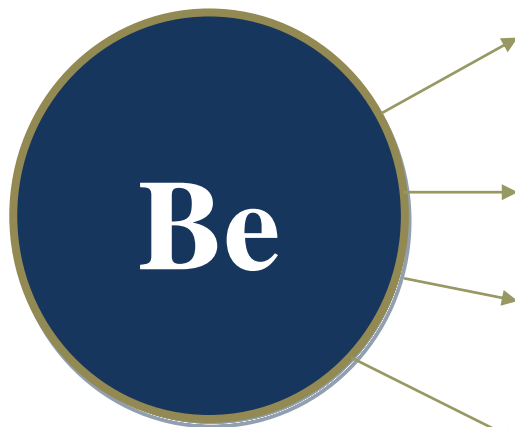


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**MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT WIDE BEHAVIOR DEFINITIONS**



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## MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BEHAVIOR DEFINITIONS

Behavior	Management	Definition	Examples
Inappropriate Language	Teacher Managed	Verbal messages that include swearing, name calling or use of words in an inappropriate way not directed at anyone. Verbal messages that include swearing, name calling or use of words in an inappropriate way directed at a peer.	<i>Examples:</i> Swearing after stubbing toe, calling another student a derogatory name
Inappropriate Language/ Abusive Language/ Profanity	Office Managed	Verbal messages that include swearing, name calling or use of words in an inappropriate way directed at an adult.	<i>Examples:</i> Cursing at a staff member (e.g., teacher, substitute, non-instructional, bus driver)
Defiance/ Disrespect/ Non-Compliance	Teacher Managed	Student fails to comply with teacher request briefly and/or with low-intensity.	<i>Examples:</i> Passive refusal (puts head down on desk, not engaging in activity, not responding when called on), rolls eyes, sucks teeth, throws belongings onto floor, gestures rudely
Defiance/ Disrespect/ Non-compliance/ Insubordination	Office Managed	Student fails to comply with teacher request in an ongoing manner and/or with high-intensity.	<i>Examples:</i> Active refusal (talks back and/or uses socially rude interactions or language)
Disruption	Teacher Managed	Action that interrupts the flow of classroom instruction.	<i>Examples:</i> Drums on desk, talks to peers/talks out, makes noises
Disruption on Campus	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Major disruption of all or a significant portion of campus activities, school-sponsored events, and school bus transportation. Disruptive behavior that poses a serious threat to the learning environment, health, safety, or welfare of others. (Do not use this code for students defying authority, disobeying or showing disrespect to others, using inappropriate language or gestures, or classroom disruption.)	<i>Examples:</i> Bomb threat, inciting riot, initiating false fire alarm
Dress Code	Teacher Managed	Violation of dress code policy at the school.	
Dress Code Defiance	Office Managed	Repeated failure to follow the dress code.	
Property Misuse	Teacher Managed	Low Intensity	<i>Examples:</i> Rips up paper, writes on desk, writes in textbook
Property Destruction/ Vandalism	Office Managed	Higher Intensity	<i>Examples:</i> Graffiti, intentional destruction, damage or defacement of public or private property

<b>Vandalism</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Destruction, damage or defacement of school or personal property. The intentional destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private/personal property without consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it. Damage must be \$1000 or more to report in SESIR.	See SESIR
<b>Technology Violation</b>	Teacher Managed	Ignoring classroom/school protocols, student engages in inappropriate use of any electronic device (e.g., cell phone, music/video players, camera, computer, internet, tablets).	<i>Examples:</i> Listening to music, texting, surfing the web during classroom instruction, accessing social media
<b>Technology Violation</b>	Office managed	Ignoring classroom/school protocols, student engages in serious, inappropriate use of any electronic device (e.g., cell phone, music/video players, camera, computer, internet, tablets).	<i>Examples:</i> Hacking into computer networks/databases/websites, cyberbullying, sending sexually explicit texts or photos
<b>Excessive Absence</b>	Teacher Managed	Student is not present for more than six school days in one quarter.	
<b>Tardy</b>	Teacher Managed	Student arrives to class after the school bell rings at the start of the day or in between class changes.	
<b>Skip Class</b>	Office Managed	Unexcused absence from scheduled class.	<i>Examples:</i> Not showing up to class or walking out of class.
<b>Truancy</b>	Office Managed	Multiple days of unexcused absences from school (See Truancy Intervention Flowchart).	<i>Examples:</i> Skipping a particular class period, non-attendance
<b>Arson</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Intentionally setting a fire on school property. To damage or cause to be damaged, by fire or explosion, any dwelling, structure or conveyance, whether occupied or not, or its contents.	SESIR
<b>Bomb Threat/False Alarm</b>	Office (SESIR)	See SESIR Definition included under "Disruption on Campus - Major".	SESIR
<b>Use/Possession of Combustibles</b>	Office	Anything that can cause or start a fire/explosion.	<i>Examples:</i> Lighters/matches, lighter fluid, fire crackers, smoke bombs, cherry bombs, poppers
<b>Physical Contact/ Physical Aggression</b>	Teacher Managed	Engagement in non-serious, but inappropriate physical contact	<i>Examples:</i> Slight pushing, minor horseplay, poking
<b>Fighting/ Physical Aggression</b>	Office Managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When two or more persons mutually participate in use of force or physical violence that does not require physical restraint or cause injury.</li> <li>Actions that could potentially result in injury or serious bodily harm.</li> </ul>	<i>Examples:</i> Hitting, punching, scratching, hitting with object, kicking, fighting in stairway or bus zone

<b>Battery</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Physical attack/harm; The physical use of force or violence by an individual against another. To distinguish from Fighting, report an incident as Battery only when the force or violence is carried out against a person who is not fighting back.	SESIR
<b>Fighting</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Mutual combat, mutual altercation; When two or more persons mutually participate in use of force or physical violence that requires either a) physical restraint or b) results in injury requiring first aid or medical attention. Do not report to SESIR lower level fights such as pushing, shoving, or altercations that stop upon verbal command. Use local codes.	SESIR
<b>Theft</b>	Teacher	Student is in possession of an object that does not belong to him/her.	<i>Examples:</i> Student took the item; student is in possession of an item that was taken by another student. Pencils, crayons, book, etc.
<b>Theft</b>	Office Managed	Student is in possession of an object that does not belong to them. Item is valued over \$5.00.	<i>Examples:</i> Student took the item; student is in possession of an item that was taken by another student. Cell phone, money, wallet/purse, electronic games, iPod
<b>Larceny/ Theft</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Taking of property from a person, building, or a vehicle; The unauthorized taking, carrying, riding away with, or concealing the property of another person, including motor vehicles, without threat, violence, or bodily harm. The item must be \$300 or more to report in SESIR.	SESIR
<b>Tease/Taunt</b>	Teacher Managed	Making comments that are condescending or disparaging to another person. These actions ARE NOT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Deliberate</li> <li>•Repeated</li> <li>•Power imbalanced</li> </ul>	<i>Examples:</i> "Mean girl/boy" behavior, making comments about the person's clothes, saying someone smells, making comments about family members, passing notes, pictures/drawings, gestures
<b>Harassment</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Insulting behaviors; Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that (1) places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, (2) has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or (3) has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose.	SESIR

<b>Bullying</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Intimidating behaviors (POWER IMBALANCED); Systematically (DELIBERATE) and chronically (REPEATED) inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation.	SESIR
<b>Cyberbullying</b>	Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bullying (see above) through the use of any electronic communication (<a href="#">see Florida State Statute 5517.01</a>)</li> <li>Cyberbullying includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identify of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages, if the creation or impersonation creates any of the conditions enumerated by the definition of bullying.</li> <li>Cyberbullying also include the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons, if the distribution or posting creates any of the conditions enumerated in the definition of bullying.</li> </ul>	
<b>Inappropriate Display of Affection</b>	Teacher Managed	Lower-intensity inappropriate, but consensual verbal and/or physical gestures/contact of a romantic or sexual nature.	<i>Examples:</i> Hugging, kissing, hand holding, groping
<b>Inappropriate Display of Affection</b>	Office	Higher-intensity inappropriate, but consensual verbal and/or physical gestures/contact of a romantic or sexual nature.	<i>Examples:</i> Clothing removal, "making out," sexual contact
<b>Inappropriate Location/ Out of Bounds Area</b>	Teacher	Student is in an area out of school boundaries or off limits within the school.	<i>Examples:</i> Adjoining lot near school, corner store, bathroom/locker room, staff members' offices without permission, being in the teacher's office, teacher's desk drawers
<b>Elopement</b>	Office	Student leaves school property/campus without permission.	
<b>Forgery</b>	Teacher	Signs individual's name without that person's permission.	<i>Example:</i> Sign parent/teacher name
<b>Lying</b>	Teacher	Student purposefully and knowingly gives inaccurate information.	
<b>Cheating</b>	Teacher	Student turns in an assignment that is not theirs or copies someone else's work.	<i>Examples:</i> Replaces student name on class assignment with his/her own name
<b>Plagiarism</b>	Teacher	The practice of taking someone else's work and passing it off as one's own.	

<b>Use/ Possession of Alcohol</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Possession, sale, purchase, or use of alcoholic beverages. "Use" means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation.	SESIR
<b>Drug Sale/ Distribution Excluding Alcohol</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Illegal sale or distribution of drugs. The manufacture, cultivation, sale or distribution of any drug, narcotic, controlled substance or substance represented to be a drug, narcotic or controlled substance.	SESIR
<b>Use/ Possession of Drugs</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> The use or possession of any drug, narcotic, controlled substance, or any substance when used for hallucinogenic purposes. "Use" means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation. *This includes synthetic drugs (e.g., Spice, Salvia, Bath Salts).	SESIR
<b>Use/ Possession of Tobacco</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> The possession, use, distribution or sale of tobacco/nicotine products (e.g., vapor cigarettes) on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or on school transportation by any person under the age of 18.	SESIR
<b>Use/ Possession of Weapons</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possession of firearms and other instruments that can cause harm.</li> <li>• Possession of any instrument or object, as defined by Section 790.001, Florida Statutes, or district code of conduct that can inflict serious harm on another person or that can place a person in reasonable fear of serious harm. (Possession of common pocketknife is exempted from state zero tolerance expulsion requirement 1006.07(2) F.S.; however, law enforcement should be notified of any weapon or knife, including pocketknives, for investigation.)</li> </ul>	SESIR
<b>Breaking and Entering/ Burglary</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Illegal entry into a facility. Unlawful entry with force or unauthorized presence in a building or other structure or conveyance with evidence of the intent to damage or remove property or harm a person(s).	SESIR
<b>Robbery</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Using force to take something from another. The taking or attempted taking of anything of value that is owned by another person or organization, under the confrontational circumstances of force, or threat of force or violence, and/or by putting the victim in fear.	SESIR

<b>Sexual Harassment</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Undesired sexual behavior. Unwanted verbal or physical behavior with sexual connotations by an adult or student that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment, cause discomfort or humiliation or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation (6A-19.008(1) SBE Rule). An incident when one person demands a sexual favor from another under the threat of physical harm or adverse consequence.	SESIR
<b>Sexual Battery</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Attempted or actual. Forced or attempted oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by using a sexual organ or an object simulating a sexual organ or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any body part or object.	SESIR
<b>Sexual Offenses</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Lewdness, indecent exposure. Other sexual contact, including intercourse, without force or threat of force. Subjecting an individual to lewd sexual gestures, sexual activity, or exposing private body parts in a lewd manner. (Law enforcement must be notified to investigate).	SESIR
<b>Trespassing</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Illegal entry onto campus. To enter or remain on school grounds/campus, school transportation or at a school-sponsored event/off campus, without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry.	SESIR
<b>Kidnapping</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Abduction of an individual. Forcibly, or by threat, confining, abducting or imprisoning another person against his/her will and without lawful authority.	SESIR
<b>Homicide</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Murder, manslaughter. The unjustified killing of one human being by another.	SESIR
<b>Other Major</b>	Office (SESIR)	<b>SESIR Definition:</b> Major incidents that do not fit within the other definitions. Any serious, harmful incident resulting in the need for law enforcement intervention not previously classified. Example: Student producing or knowingly using counterfeit money; participating in gambling activities, possessing child pornography or possessing drug paraphernalia.	SESIR

*\*SESIR or the School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting System collects data on 22 incidents of crime, violence, and disruptive behaviors that occur on school grounds, on school transportation and at off-campus, school-sponsored events, during any 24-hour period, 365 days per year. Incidents are reported by schools to the districts which, in turn, provide the data to the DOE. This data is used to prepare the annual Statewide Report on School Safety and Discipline.*