



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

CLASSIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

All students enrolled in school shall be subject to the laws, regulations of the Florida Board of Governors, and the rules and policies of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Developmental Research School. The Student Code of Conduct shall be the authority under the control and direction of the principal or designee during the time students are transported to or from school, are attending school or at a school-sponsored activity, and when they are on school premises for school attendance and authorized activities. The principal or designee shall make sure that students are properly supervised while at school and during any school-sponsored activity. This shall include the maintenance of a safe, orderly, and positive environment.

A. CLASSROOM LEVEL VIOLATIONS

1. **CLASS PREPAREDNESS** – Students shall bring the proper supplies to class. This includes paper, pen, pencil, textbooks, musical instruments and accessories, appropriate PE attire/uniform, etc. Students without any of the above and any other class-required materials (as specified by individual instructors) may be found in violation of Class Preparedness Policy, and subject to appropriate disciplinary actions.
2. **INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS AT SCHOOL** – Inappropriate items such as unofficial headwear or other non-uniform clothing attire, items for hair grooming such as afro picks and long-toothed combs, CD players, headsets, electronic games, DVD players, mp3 players, I-pods or any electronic entertainment device, laser pens, lighters, beepers, jam boxes, radios, tape players, video games or any other electronic device, game, or toy; yo-yos, skate boards, roller blades, skates, shaving cream, whipping cream, sling shots, hard balls, bean shooters, playing cards, comic books, trading cards, water shooter, cup, can, or balloons, to project liquid, objects, or substance of any kind or any other items which can cause disruption or distraction in a classroom, on school property or at school activities off campus are not permitted. No sports equipment is permitted in classrooms or hallways. Students found with any of the above items and/or materials may be found in violation of Inappropriate Items Policy, and subject to item confiscation and appropriate disciplinary actions.
3. **CELL PHONE USAGE** - Cell Phones, cell phones with PDA functions and pagers are to be turned off and kept in book bags, purses, or out of sight during class time. Cell phones usage by secondary school students (grades 6-12) will be permitted before school, at lunch (except middle school students), and after school (not between classes). Usage of these items during unspecified times, (which includes the sending or receiving of e-mails and/or text messages as well as the use of cell phone camera functions) will be in violation of Cell Phone Usage Policy, and will render items subject to confiscation. **Possession of a cell phone by students in K-5 is prohibited.** If cell phone is found in the possession of an elementary student, cell phone **will be confiscated**, parent will be notified and cell phone will only be released to the parent/guardian.



4. **TARDY** – A student who arrives at class or a designated area *within 5 minutes* after the tardy bell sounds. (See Section I:A:1 for information on Tardy/Late and Attendance)
5. **LATE** – A student who arrives at class or a designated area *5 minutes after* the tardy bell has sounded. (See Section I:A:1 for information on Tardy/Late and Attendance)
6. **CLASS RULES VIOLATIONS** – Any student who violates a posted classroom rule or policy. Class rules are to be posted in every classroom and may vary from room to room.
7. **FOOD CONSUMPTION IN UNAUTHORIZED AREAS** – All food and beverage items (bottled water excluded) should be consumed in the Cafeteria. Any food/beverage items in opened packaging or viewed being consumed may be subject to confiscation and/or immediate disposal.
8. **EXCESSIVE MISCHIEF** – Any pranks, practical jokes, playful gestures, unruly games, and other actions that can be considered disruptive in nature.
9. **EXCESSIVE TALKING** – Any conversation that poses as a classroom disruption and/or classroom rule violation.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASSROOM LEVEL VIOLATIONS

Classroom discrepancies are to be handled by the classroom teacher. Teachers may utilize but are not limited to the following strategies to manage classroom discrepancies:

- Teachers may assign detention
- Teachers may assign additional assignments and confiscate inappropriate items
- Teachers **will** notify Parent/guardian regarding Classroom violation

NOTE: *TEACHER ASSIGNED DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS OTHER THAN ACTIONS TAKEN FOR TARDIES/LATE WILL NOT GO ON STUDENT RECORD, BUT WILL BE USED FOR ATTENDANCE RECORDS (See Section I:A:1 for information on Tardy/Late and Attendance).*

NOTE: *ANY SINGLE VIOLATION (OTHER THAN TARDIES/LATE) THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS (3) WILL BE UPGRADED TO A LEVEL 1 VIOLATION, AND SUBJECT TO LEVEL 1 DISCIPLINARY ACTION.*

B. LEVEL 1 VIOLATIONS (MINOR OFFENSES)

1. **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS (DRS)** – Not dressed in uniform/dress code attire (See uniform/dress code policy). **Students shall be well groomed and in uniform at all times.**



Any form of dress or hygiene, which is deemed by DRS Administration to be out of compliance with dress code policy, which distracts, disrupts, or otherwise negatively affects the purpose of the school will not be allowed.

2. **LITTERING** - Littering, including spitting, is not permitted anywhere on campus.
3. **ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL (LOT)** - No student should arrive before 7:45 a.m. unless enrolled in an extended day class or before school program. Students in grades K-5 shall report to the cafeteria if they arrive between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. All students must be off campus at the designated times pursuant to their divisions unless enrolled in a supervised approved school activity.
4. **OFF CAMPUS VIOLATIONS (OCV)** – No student shall be permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day (from the time of morning arrival until 3:15 p.m.) for school business/activities or personal matters without the prior approval of the principal or designee, and written consent from the student’s parent or guardian. An acceptable reason must be established and approved by the principal or designee.
5. **SKIPPING (SKP)** – Unauthorized absence from a class or classes
NOTE: Disciplinary Actions for the 1st Occurrence of Skipping of Multiple classes in a given day will be treated as a Level 2 Violation.
6. **CAFETERIA VIOLATIONS (CAF)** – A Cafeteria Violation will include but may not be limited to:
 - Consumption of food outside of Cafeteria area
 - Departure from Cafeteria during lunch period without a pass
 - Rude or discourteous behavior: Singing, yelling, screaming with an extremely loud pitch.
 - Failure to remove trays or clean area after eating or before leaving Cafeteria
 - Horseplay or inappropriate physical contact with other students
7. **DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR (PRO)** - Foul, obscene, profane, abusive, inappropriate or degrading language, gesture, harassment (verbal, physical, or written) directed toward another student or students based on, but not limited to gender, race, age, religion, or dating preference, shall not be tolerated. Students shall show respect for other people and their property. Disrespectful behavior includes yelling, arguing, or cursing anywhere on school property or at school activities off the property.
8. **INSUBORDINATION (Minor) (INS)** - refusal to obey a direct order or instruction given by any FAMU DRS employee or intern. Examples of insubordination include, but are not limited to the following: failure of student to follow any teacher or administrative directive that a refusal presents a non-disruption of classroom instruction; failure of a student to report to a class, the office, or after school program when directed by a DRS employee or



intern; failure to relinquish any inappropriate item or item disputed by another student as requested by the teacher or staff member.

9. **OFF LIMIT AREAS (without permission or supervision) (OLT)** - The gymnasium, the cafeteria (except during lunch), the physical education fields, behind buildings 300, 500 and 600 and the parking lots are off limits to students during the school day without permission or adult staff supervision.
10. **PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION (PDA)** – Unacceptable behavior shall include kissing, sitting on students’ laps, picking up students, body pressing hugs, and any other intimate physical contact.
11. **AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR (HSP)** - Students involved in rough horseplay, verbal confrontation, pushing, pulling, biting, shoving, or other acts that could lead to an altercation.
12. **HARASSMENT/THREAT/INTIMIDATION (HAR)** - To unlawfully place a person in fear of harm (emotional or physical) without use of a weapon. To threaten to cause bodily harm, spread malicious rumors about another student, calling another student name, excessive teasing of another student is seen as harassment bullying and intimidation.
13. **SAFETY (CAI)** - Students running in the hallways or on school grounds except in designated areas; students sitting or climbing on top of trash cans, the roof, or into trees; students utilizing school equipment in an unauthorized manner.
14. **STUDENT PARKING VIOLATIONS** - It is the responsibility of all students who drive to school to be fully aware of their responsibilities in the operation of vehicles on the school grounds. Student drivers must abide by the rules and regulations established by Florida A&M University Parking Services/FAMU DRS for the safety of the student body. All student vehicles parked on school grounds must have a University parking decal with registration number displayed.
 - A. Decals must be purchased for the designated area at office of FAMU Parking Services, located in the Plant Operations Management Complex on Wahnish Way
 - B. Decals must be displayed according to instructions issued by the FAMU Parking Services.
 - C. Students violating any parking policy will be subject to disciplinary action, University-issued citation/fine, and possible removal of vehicle from school parking facility.
 - D. Automobiles illegally parked or without a decal may be towed away at the owner’s expense. Special assignment to a school does not guarantee a parking space.
 - E. All students who drive to school must park in the lot designated for students.



- F. Students with parking lot privileges must leave their car immediately after parking.
- G. Loitering and smoking are not permitted in the student parking lot at any time.
- H. All students using the parking lot are required to keep it clean.
- I. Extreme caution must be exercised in entering and leaving the parking areas.
- J. The maximum speed limit on school grounds is five miles per hour.
- K. The school is not responsible for damages or theft to automobiles, trucks, bicycles, and motorcycles. The school is not responsible for damages or theft of the contents of these vehicles.
- L. Student vehicles are subject to search upon reasonable suspicion for prohibited or illegally possessed substances or objects.
- M. Any student who uses their vehicle to leave campus without permission or transports other students who do not have specific or legal permission to leave campus or violates any of the rules listed is subject to suspension of parking privileges.

A. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR LEVEL 1 VIOLATION *(Excluding Dress Code Violations)*

1st occurrence:

- Parent notification by DRS Administration and/or Guidance
- One day - After School Detention

2nd occurrence:

- Parent notification by DRS Administration
- Three Days – After School Detention
- Mandatory Parent/Administration/Guidance Conference

NOTE: ANY SINGLE VIOLATION THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS (2) WILL BE UPGRADED TO A LEVEL 2 VIOLATION, AND SUBJECT TO MINIMUM LEVEL 2 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS. PARKING VIOLATIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO UNIVERSITY POLICY ENFORCEMENT AND THEREFORE MAY WARRANT OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS NOT INCLUDED.

B. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS *(In accordance with F.S. 1006.07)*

1st occurrence:

- Parent notification by DRS Administrator and/or Guidance
- Two Day – After School Detention



2nd occurrence:

- Parent notification by DRS Administration
- Mandatory Parent/Administration/Guidance Conference
- Mandatory 5-day ineligibility from all extra-curricular activities
- Possible out of school suspension consequence

3rd occurrence:

- Parent notification by DRS Administration and or designee
- Mandatory Parent/Administrative/Guidance Conference
- Mandatory 30-day ineligibility from all extra-curricular activities
- Two – Five Days – Out of School Suspension

C. LEVEL 2 VIOLATIONS (INTERMEDIATE)

1. **FIGHTING (FIT)** - Two or more persons mutually participating in the use of force or physical violence. Fist to cuff where each student is exchanging mutual blows.
2. **GROSS DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR (RUD)** - Foul, obscene, profane, abusive, inappropriate or degrading language, gesture, harassment (verbal, physical, or written) directed toward any DRS faculty, staff or administrator. Arguments with teachers about grades, discipline, or a consequence during class time are strictly prohibited. Students shall wait until after class to discuss a situation with the teacher in an orderly fashion or make an appointment to do so.
3. **INSUBORDINATION (MAJOR) (DIS, DEF, INS)** - refusal to obey a direct order or instruction given by any FAMU DRS employee or intern that creates a disorderly situation and/or disruption to classroom instruction.
4. **SIMPLE BATTERY UPON STUDENTS* (AGG)** – Any actual and intentional pushing or striking of another student against the will of the other student. Includes sticking another student with a sharp object or striking another student with an object using brute force.
5. **SIMPLE ASSAULT, THREATS, INTIMIDATION, OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR OR ACTS OF HAZING* (TRE)** – Any attempt to cause physical harm to another person with or without the use of a weapon that includes all of the following elements:
 - a) **Intent** – an intention that the threat is heard or seen by the person who is the object of the threat;
 - b) **Fear** – a reasonable fear or apprehension by the person who is the object of the threat that the threat could be carried out; and
 - c) **Capability** – the ability of the offender to actually carry out the threat directly or by a weapon or other instrument that can be easily obtained



6. **THEFT (STL)*** – Any intentional unlawful taking and /or carrying away of property valued at less than \$300 belonging to, or in the lawful possession or custody of another including, but not limited to, jewelry and personal items located in lockers, books bags, clothing, or anywhere else on school property.

7. **ON/OFF CAMPUS DISRUPTIONS** - Disruptive behaviors include: assault on staff or students, threat(s) or violence, disrespectful, willful disregard of a teacher's directions, malicious vandalism, possession of weapons of any type, continuing use of profane language or obscene gestures, and instigation of violence or mass disobedience to legitimate directions.

8. **DISHONESTY** - Students shall demonstrate honesty with peers, teachers, and in schoolwork. Acts of dishonesty include, but are not limited to, lying, stealing, cheating, any illegal use of photocopies or other technology. Lying is the willful intent to mislead. Stealing is the taking of any item without permission of the owner. Cheating includes:
 - Talking during a test
 - Giving or passing information during a test
 - Allowing someone to copy one's work
 - Giving false information about another student to a school staff member
 - Failing to give staff members their correct name or parents correct name when asked on demand

Students who have knowledge of or are aware of any dishonest or illegal act, and who do not inform proper authorities are considered accomplices and shall be treated as such.

9. **INCIDENTAL VANDALISM (IVN)** – Damage to or defacing of school properties, other student's personal belongings or teacher/staff personal belongings resulting from inappropriate behavior such as horseplay, running through buildings, defecation, objects thrown, etc. Student shall be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement of damaged property or belonging

10. **TRESPASSING (TRS)*** - To enter or remain on school grounds/campus (School safety zone - 500 feet of any real property owned or leased by FAMU), school transportation, or at a school-sponsored event off campus without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry is defined as trespassing at FAMU DRS. Students who are suspended from school may not attend any school sponsored activity on school grounds or at another location during their suspension.

D. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR LEVEL 2 VIOLATIONS

1st occurrence:

- Parent notification
- Three days Out of School Suspension



2nd occurrence:

- Parent notification
- Five days of out-of-school suspension
- Mandatory Parent/Administration/Guidance Conference
- An Administrative meeting will be held to determine appropriate action, including possible withdrawal of the FAMU DRS invitation.

*****Multiple occurrence of any one level will be upgraded to the next Level for disciplinary actions.***

***Further actions/penalties for these violations may come from other law enforcement jurisdictions (i.e. FAMU Police, Tallahassee Police, Leon County Sheriff). In cases such as these, DRS Administration may impose the highest disciplinary actions under this classification.**

LEVEL 3 VIOLATIONS (MAJOR)

1. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT (DCN)** - Disruptive behavior that poses a serious threat to the learning environment, health, safety, or welfare of others. This includes, but is not limited to: fire alarms, stink bombs, bomb threats, or unintentional crashing school computer system, etc.
2. **SIMPLE ASSAULT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OR AGENT* (HIT)** – Any intentional threat by word or act to do violence to a School District employee or agent, coupled with the apparent ability to do so, and the doing of some act, which creates fear in that person.
3. **COMPUTER USE VIOLATIONS (CPV)** - Any attempt to bypass whether successful or not, security and system controls, including email, chats, bulletin boards, instagram and email messaging. Any access to non-instructional district systems, such as student information systems or business systems. Any installation of services or electronic file sharing mechanisms. Any installation of personal or copyrighted software. Any use of technology for personal gain, profit, or any illegal conduct, such as fraud, copyright infringement, pornography, sexting, texting, tweeting, hacking, or distributing viruses that result in minor disruptions.
4. **VANDALISM* (VAN)** – The willful and/or malicious destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private property without the consent of the owner or person having custody or the control of it. This includes graffiti or intentional markings on walls, desks or other school properties/equipment.
5. **HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION* (HAR)** – Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct that:



- a) Places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property,
- b) Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or
- c) 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.

6. BULLYING (BUL) – Systematically and chronically 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.

Actions that indicate bullying include but are not limited to:

- a. Teasing
- b. Social Exclusion
- c. Threat
- d. Intimidation
- e. Stalking
- f. Physical violence
- g. Theft
- h. Sexual, religious, or racial harassment
- i. Public humiliation
- j. Destruction of property
- k. Name Calling
- L. Distortion of the truth
- M. Gender Bashing

Bullying and harassment also encompasses:

- a. Retaliation against a student or school employee by another student or school employee for asserting or alleging an act of bullying or harassment. Reporting an act of bullying or harassment that is not made in good faith is considered retaliation.
- b. Perpetuation of conduct listed in the definition of bullying or harassment by an individual or group with intent to demean, dehumanize, embarrass, or cause emotional or physical harm to a student or school employee by:
 - i. Incitement or coercion
 - ii. Accessing or knowingly and willingly causing or providing access to data or computer software through a computer, computer system, or computer network within the scope of the district school system
 - iii. Acting in a manner that has an effect substantially similar to the effect of bullying or harassment

7. CYBERSTALKING - as defined in s. 784.048(1)(d), F.S., means to engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no



legitimate purpose.

8. **PLAGARISM (CHE)** – The acting of representing as one’s own work the work of another.
9. **FORGERY* (CHE)** – The making of a false or misleading written communication to a school staff member with the intent to deceive the staff member or under circumstances, which would be reasonable, calculated to deceive the staff member.
10. **SEXUAL OFFENSES (OTHER)*(SXO)** - Subjecting an individual to lewd gestures, or exposing private body parts (including consensual oral, vaginal or anal intercourse).
11. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT*/MISCONDUCT (SXH)** – Any unwelcomed sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and/or other inappropriate verbal, written, electronic, or physical contact of a sexual nature when submitting to or rejecting the conduct affects or unreasonably interferes with the learning environment or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. It includes, but is not limited to, privacy invasion where body parts are exposed and/or photographed unknowingly, sexually-oriented jokes, verbal/physical advances, touching, pinching, patting, sexually-oriented kidding, teasing, using language that has a double meaning and is sexually suggestive.
12. **SEXTING* (SXH)** – Any student who knowingly:
 - a. Uses a computer, cell phone or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another student (minor) any photograph or video of any person which depicts nudity as defined in statute and is harmful to minors
 - b. Possesses a photograph or video of any person that was transmitted or distributed by another student (minor), which depicts nudity as defined by statute and is harmful to minors (*New inclusion*)
13. **ROBBERY/ROBBERY BY SUDDEN SNATCHING* (OMC)** - The taking or attempted taking of money or other property which may be the subject of larceny from the person or custody of another, with intent to either permanently or temporarily deprive the person or the owner of the money or other property, when in the course of the taking there is the use of force, violence, assault, or putting in fear.
14. **TOBACCO PRODUCTS* (TBC)** - Student use or possession of tobacco products is prohibited at FAMU DRS, school sponsored activities, and on other school property. It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to knowingly possess any tobacco product ("Tobacco products" includes loose tobacco leaves, and products made from tobacco leaves, in whole or in part, and cigarette wrappers, which can be used for smoking, sniffing, or chewing.).

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR LEVEL 3 VIOLATIONS



1st occurrence:

- Mandatory Parent/Administration/Guidance conference
- Mandatory seven day suspension
- Implementation of Behavior Contract

2nd occurrence:

- 10 day Out of School Suspension
- An Administrative meeting will be held to determine appropriate action, including possible withdrawal of the FAMU DRS invitation.

*****Multiple occurrence of any one level will be upgraded to the next Level for disciplinary actions***

***Further actions/penalties for these violations may come from other law enforcement jurisdictions (i.e. FAMU Police, Tallahassee Police, Leon County Sheriff). In cases such as these, DRS Administration may impose the highest disciplinary actions under this classification. Please refer to the Disciplinary Actions under the next classification (section E) for further law enforcement ramifications.**

E. LEVEL 4 VIOLATIONS (ZERO TOLERANCE)

It is essential that schools be safe and orderly to provide environments which foster learning and high academic achievement. This section implements the DRS School Board's zero tolerance policy. The board has determined that certain offenses cannot be tolerated and will result in expulsion from FAMU DRS. Students found to have committed any of the following offenses on school property, school-sponsored transportation or during a school sponsored activity shall be subject to expulsion upon appropriate due process.

- 1. AGGRAVATED BATTERY (BAT)** – The intentional or knowledgeable causing of great bodily harm or permanent disfigurement, or use of a deadly weapon causing injury
- 2. ARMED ROBBERY (ROB)** – The taking or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence, and/or by putting the victim in fear by the use of a deadly weapon.
- 3. ARSON (ARS)** - Intentionally setting a fire on school property.
- 4. BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING (BRK)** - The 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.
- 5. HOMICIDE (HOM)** - murder and non-negligent manslaughter, killing of one human being by another, killing a person through negligence.



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- 6. FIREARM, EXPLOSIVES AND/OR WEAPONS (WPO)** – violation of rules prohibiting firearms/explosives of any kind (operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded) including possession, sale, display, transmission or use of any object, electric weapon stun gun, pepper spray, and mace.

Possession, display, transmission, use or sale of any firearm or weapon, or such object which is utilized as, or is intended to function as a weapon while the student is on school property, in attendance at a school function, in a school vehicle, or while being transported by designated school transportation. For use in this policy, weapons shall include but not be limited to the following: air rifle, BB or pellet gun, rifle, shot gun, zip gun, stun gun, pistol, ammunition or explosive device (no matter how limited), incendiary device, ice pick, knife, box cutter, pocket knife, machete, hypodermic needle(s), brass knuckles, club, nunchakus, razor blade, sling shot, spear, sword, or any other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon.

Any student who is determined to have possessed on their person or vehicle a dangerous weapon within the "school safety zone" (500 feet of any real property owned or leased by FAMU DRS), to any school function, or onto any school-sponsored transportation, may be subject to expulsion, with or without continuing educational services.

NOTE: *In certain classes (ex. Art, technology education, family consumer education) students may be using with teacher permission and supervision, school supplied tools and sharp instruments that are an integral part of the curriculum. Use or possession of these tools without teacher permission, in an inappropriate manner, or outside of the learning environment or shall constitute a dangerous weapons violation.*

- 7. KIDNAPPING OR ABDUCTION (KID)** – The unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his/her will or of a minor without the consent of his/her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian.
- 8. ILLEGAL DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND/OR UNAUTHORIZED MEDICATION (DRD, DRU, ALC)** - This includes, but is not limited to:
- Use (under the influence of) or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
 - Student misrepresenting substances as illegal drugs or alcohol.
 - Student possessing or using prescription drugs that are not prescribed for him/her.
 - The use of any drug/medication when such use is unlawful and use of any drug/medication when such use is detrimental to the user or to others but is not unlawful.
 - Alcohol in a container mixed with another liquid product.
 - Over-the-counter cold medication.

- 9. SEXUAL BATTERY (SXB)** – Any sexual act directed against another person forcibly and/or against the person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the



victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

10. **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT* (MVT)** - Unauthorized use, taking, or attempted taking, of a motor vehicle.
11. **THEFT/LARCENY (PERSONAL OR SCHOOL PROPERTY) (STL)** - The unauthorized taking, carrying, riding away; or concealing the property of another person, without threat, violence, or bodily harm.

NOTE: Students should not leave their possessions unattended. Students shall use the school lockers located in the elementary building, gym, middle school and high school buildings to secure personal items. All thefts shall be reported immediately to the FAMU DRS Administration for investigation.

12. **THREAT OR FALSE REPORT TO DO HARM RELATED TO BOMBS OR WEAPONS (TRE)** - bomb threat or threatening to shoot, cut or do malicious bodily damage to someone.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR LEVEL 4 VIOLATIONS (ZERO TOLERANCE)

Any Level 4 violation constitutes a mandatory 10-day suspension from school/school activities. Violators will be prohibited from attending any school functions. Violations will be reported immediately to the law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the violation was committed. And will be under the discretion of both the ordinances of FAMU Law Enforcement and/or any other law enforcement agencies. An administrative hearing will be held to consider further consequences, which may include but may not be limited to expulsion from FAMU DRS. Any Level 4 violator will therefore be subject to the following potential consequences:

- a. **Arrested:** Any student who is arrested for a felony act may be suspended from school for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. The out of School Suspension shall not affect the delivery of educational services to the student.
- b. **Charged:** Any student who is formally charged with* a felony act may be suspended from school indefinitely or have his or her suspension to continue until the determination of guilt or innocence or until the charges are dismissed if, in the opinion of the school administrator, the student's attendance would adversely impact the school. Such suspension shall not affect the delivery of educational services to the student.
- c. **Conviction of a Felony:** Any student who has been charged and found guilty of a felony will be afforded a hearing with parents present to determine whether the



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student's continued attendance will adversely impact the school. The hearing may result in continuance or expulsion by the recommendation of the principal to the Director and the DRS School Board.

d. **Adjudicated Delinquent:** Any student who has been adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony act will be afforded a hearing with parents present to determine whether the student's continued attendance will adversely impact the school; the hearing may result in continuance, withdrawal of invitation or expulsion recommendation by the principal to the Director and the DRS School Board.

e. **Adjudication Withheld:** Any student who has had adjudication withheld for committing a felony act will be afforded a hearing with parents present to determine whether the student's continued attendance will adversely impact the school; the hearing may result in continuance or expulsion. A hearing must be held prior to a recommendation for expulsion from DRS.