

East Windsor Middle School
Definitions of Minor & Major Behaviors for Discipline Referrals

Minor Behaviors Definitions

Minor Problem Behavior	Definition
Bus Incident	Student engages in brief or low-intensity disruptive behavior.
Cheating	Student attempts to give/receive unauthorized help that could result in an unfair advantage in completing schoolwork.
Display of Affection	Student engages in brief or low-intensity, but inappropriate consensual verbal and/or physical gestures/contact, of a sexual nature to another student.
Disruptive Behavior	Student engages in brief or low-intensity, but inappropriate individual disruption (i.e. tapping pencil, sustained loud talk, or calling-out).
Dress Code Violation	Student wears clothing that does not fit within the dress code guidelines outlined in the student handbook.
False Information/Lying	Student delivers message that is purposefully false/denies facts and that doesn't involve others.
Inappropriate Language	Student engages in use of inappropriate language not directed at an individual.
Inappropriate Physical Contact	Student engages in non-serious, but inappropriate physical contact (i.e. horseplay).
Insubordination/Disrespect	Student engages in brief or low-intensity failure to respond to adult requests.
Property Misuse	Student engages in low-intensity misuse of property.
Tardy	Student arrives after the lesson has begun without a pass.
Teasing	Student engages in persistent annoyances and/or playful/malicious mocking.
Technology Violation	Student engages in inappropriate use of technology and is violating East Windsor Public Schools policy (Policy #5131.81)

Major Behavior Definitions

Major Problem Behavior	Definition
Bullying	Student delivers unwanted, aggressive behavior with the intent to ridicule, humiliate or intimidate another student.
Bus Incident	Student engages in continuous disruptive behavior on school transportation. Disruption may include yelling or screaming; noise with materials; horseplay or roughhousing; and/or sustained out-of-seat behavior and involves others.
Cheating	Student gives/receives unauthorized help that could result in an unfair advantage in completing schoolwork (quiz, test, lab report)
Display of Affection	Student engages in inappropriate, consensual verbal and/or physical gestures/contact, of a sexual nature to another student.
Disruptive Behavior	Student engages in behavior causing an interruption in a class or activity. Disruption includes yelling, or screaming; noise with materials; horseplay or roughhousing; and/or sustained out-of-seat behavior and involves others.
False Information/Lying	Student delivers message that is purposefully false/denies facts and that does involve or harm others.
Fighting/Physical Aggression	Student engages in actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur (e.g. hitting, punching, hitting with an object, kicking, hair pulling, scratching, etc.).
Harassment / non-sexual	Student delivers unwanted/disrespectful messages verbal or gestural to another person that includes threats and intimidation, obscene gestures, pictures, or written notes.
Harassment / sexual	Student delivers unwanted/disrespectful messages (of a sexual nature) verbal or gestural to another person that includes threats and intimidation, obscene gestures, pictures, or written notes.
Inappropriate Language/Gestures	Student delivers messages, verbal or gestural, that include swearing, name calling, or use of words in an inappropriate way directed at an individual.

Inappropriate Physical Contact	Student engages in inappropriate confrontation, tussle, or some type of physical aggression that does not result in any injury.
Insubordination /Disrespect	Student refuses to follow directions, talks back, and/or delivers socially rude interactions.
Multiple Minor Referrals	Accumulation of 3 or more minor referrals within one academic quarter.
Plagiarism	Student is caught submitting and/or copying and/or not crediting another's work from text, research source, the Internet, or copied/submitted a classmate's work and representing it as his/her own.
Property Misuse	Student engages in a serious misuse of property that disrupts the educational process.
Skipped Class	Student leaves or misses class without permission.
Skipped Detention	Student failed to report to teacher or office detention.
Technology Violation	Student engages in the serious misuse of technology and is violating East Windsor Public Schools policy (Policy #5131.81)
Theft/Forgery	Student is caught taking anything (including signature) without the consent of the owner and/or uses it as their own.
Threatening/Intimidation	Physical, verbal, written, or electronic action, which immediately creates fear of harm, without displaying a weapon and without subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.
Unauthorized Location	Student is not in class or other assigned area.
Vandalism	Student participates in an activity that results in destruction or blatant disrespect, disfigurement of property.
Willful Misconduct	Student engages in acts which are intentional, conscious, and directed toward achieving a purpose. An indifference to whether or not action or inaction violates school rule or law.
Truancy	Student has accumulated 10 or more absences from school and is unable to provide written documentation, within a timely manner, to provide an appropriate reason for absence (CT State Board of Education Truancy Definition).

Serious Behavioral Definitions

Alcohol	Student is in possession of or is using alcohol.
Arson	Student plans and/or participates in malicious burning of property.
Bomb Threat	Student delivers a message of possible explosive materials being on or near school grounds, and/or pending explosion.
Combustibles	Student is in possession of substances/objects readily capable of causing bodily harm and/or property damage (i.e. matches, lighters, firecrackers, gasoline, lighter fluid).
Gang Affiliation Display	Student uses gestures, dress, and/or speech to display affiliation with a gang.
Use/Possession of Drugs	Student is in possession of or is using illegal drugs/substances, imitations, or prescription drugs used inappropriately.
Use/Possession of Tobacco	Student is in possession of or is using tobacco.
Use/Possession of Dangerous Instrument or Weapons	Student possess or uses knives or guns (real or look alike), or other objects capable of causing bodily harm.