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1 In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the following offenses will not be
2 tolerated¹ and will be classified as Zero-Tolerance behavior: Students that commit zero
3 tolerance offenses may be assigned to an alternative school or program at the discretion of the
4 Director of Schools.²

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6 When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal shall notify the
7 student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as
8 required by law.³

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10 **WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

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12 Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon in
13 school buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the
14 school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.⁴

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16 Dangerous weapons for the purposes of this policy shall include, but are not limited to a firearm
17 or anything manifestly designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious
18 bodily injury or anything that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death
19 or serious bodily injury.⁵

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21 **FIREARMS⁶**

22 In accordance with state law, any student who brings or possess a firearm on school property
23 shall be subject to expulsion or alternative placement for a period of not less than one (1)
24 calendar year except that the Director may modify this expulsion on a case-by-case basis.⁷

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26 **ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

27 In accordance with state law, any student who unlawfully possess, uses, transfers, on is under the
28 influence of any drug including any controlled substance or legend drug shall be subject to

¹ TCA 49-6-3401(g)

² TCA 49-6-3401(g)(2);TCA 49-6-3402; Public Acts of 2020, Chapter No. 603

³ TCA49-6-4209, TCA39-17-1312; 20 USCA § 7961(h)(l)

⁴ TCA 39-17-1309

⁵ TCA 39-11-106(a)(5)

⁶ 18 USCA § 921; 20 USCA § 7961(b)(3)

⁷ TCA 49-6-4216(b); TCA 49-6-3401(g)

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1 expulsion or alternative placement for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year except that
2 the Director may modify this expulsion on a case-by-case basis

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4 Any student who unlawfully possess uses, transfers, or is under the influence of synthetic
5 equivalents and/or synthetic substances, derivatives and their isomers with similar chemical
6 structure and pharmacological activity shall be subject to expulsion or alternative placement for a
7 period of not less than one (1) calendar year, except that the Director may modify this expulsion
8 on a case-by-case basis.⁸

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10 Any student who possesses, uses, transfers, or is under the influence of alcohol shall be subject
11 to expulsion or alternative placement for a period of not less than one (1) calendar year, except
12 that the Director may modify this expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

13 14 **ASSAULT**

15 In accordance with state law, any student who commits aggravated assault⁹ or commits assault
16 that results in bodily injury upon any teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of the
17 school or school resource officer shall be subject to expulsion or alternative placement for a
18 period of not less than one (1) calendar year, except that the Director may modify this expulsion
19 on a case-by-case basis.

20 21 **THREATS OF MASS VIOLENCE**

22 In accordance with state law, any student who submits a threat of mass violence on school
23 property or at a school-related activity shall be subject to expulsion or alternative placement for a
24 period of not less than one (1) calendar year, except that the Director may modify this expulsion
25 on a case-by-case basis.¹⁰

⁸ TCA 39-17-415

⁹ TCA 39-13-102

¹⁰ Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 299