

Nevin Platt Middle School
6096 Baseline Road
Boulder, CO 80303

Main Office: 720-561-5536
Attendance Line: 720-561-5534



Mascot: Wolves School Colors: Black & Teal

PRINCIPAL: Kevin Gates

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Tanya Santee

COUNSELORS: Patty Patterson (Platt CHOICE and 7th grade)

Dawn Suitts (6th grade and 8th grade)

This planner belongs to:

Name: _____

Connect/Co-op Teacher: _____

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Platt Middle School

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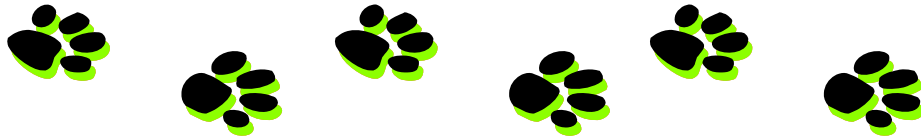
CHOICE

A unique middle school with two exceptional programs

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

MISSION: Platt provides a quality education that empowers students to realize their maximum potential for a successful future.

VISION: As a community of learners, we strive for educational excellence and value the whole child by providing for the academic, social, emotional, and developmental needs of the adolescent.



PLATT IS COMMITTED TO...

- Providing a welcoming and safe learning environment by valuing every student.
- Making decisions based upon what is best for the whole child.
- Providing quality curriculum, assessments, and interventions based on a body of evidence that includes data analysis of our students' needs.
- Providing encouragement and support for students to take ownership in their learning.
- Providing a professional environment founded on trust, respect, honesty, and humor.
- Providing a collaborative environment that values diversity and promotes communication among students, staff, parents, and community.

Dear Student,

Welcome to Nevin Platt Middle School. Whether you are a student in the Platt Middle School program or the CHOICE program, we are thrilled that you are part of our Platt community. We want you to be successful in middle school and promise to support you in making that happen.

This planner is intended to help you be successful by keeping you organized. Teachers expect you to bring your planner to every class and record all assignments and due dates. The planner will also serve as your hall pass. We want you to share the planner frequently with your parents, so they may monitor recorded assignments and know due dates.

Another important part of the planner is that it contains information you and your parents need to know regarding school policies and expectations. Please review these with your parents so that you understand the standards that Platt expects. Everyone understanding and abiding by the same expectations makes Platt a safe place to learn. Your success is our goal. Best wishes for an enjoyable school year.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gates, Principal

Tanva Santee, Assistant Principal

Attendance Procedures

School Hours: 8:40 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.; late start Wed. 10a – 3:40pm

Attendance Line: 720-561- 5534



Student Attendance

Regular attendance in all classes is an integral part of the educational process. Platt Middle School strives to maintain a 95% attendance rate and expects students to be in attendance every day school is in session as required by the Compulsory Attendance Law and District policy. All absences have a negative effect on instructional continuity, regardless of the cause of the absence or the attempts to make up work missed.

Excused Absences

We recognize that some absences inevitably will occur. The school administrator or designee has the authority to determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused. Excused absences may include the following: temporary illness or injury; emergencies, serious illness, or death in the family; religious observances; or other reasons or extenuating circumstances deemed acceptable by the school administrator.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences include all other absences. Examples of unexcused absences may include suspension, expulsion, truancy, failure to attend any class during the day, absences for which medical documentation is required or has been requested but has not been provided, or any other absence not excused by an administrator.

Excessive Absences

Excessive absences from school, both excused and unexcused, will be monitored and the Compulsory Attendance Law will be enforced. When a student has 10 or more days of excused or unexcused absences in a school year the school will notify parents of the attendance concern, develop an attendance contract with the student and parent, and may

request a doctor's note to excuse further absences. Unexcused absences may result in school consequences. In addition, the maximum number of unexcused absences a student may incur before the District may initiate judicial proceedings to enforce the compulsory school attendance law is four unexcused absences from school or class in any one month or 10 unexcused absences from school or from class during any school or calendar year.

Notification by Parent to School

Parents or guardians have the responsibility to contact the school every day of a student's absence or on the first day of a series of pre-arranged absences if at all possible. Parents may notify the school in writing or by calling the attendance line (720-561-5534) about a student absence. If the parent does not report a student absence, the school will attempt to call the parent to confirm the absence. Parental explanation of absences must be provided to the school within two school days following the student's return or the absence will remain unexcused

Tardy Policy

Students who are more than five minutes late to school must sign in at the Attendance Office. Tardiness to school or class counts as an absence from school and will be closely monitored. Without proper excuse, tardiness is considered a form of unexcused absence. The following consequences will apply for unexcused tardies:

1st Tardy – Warning by teacher

2nd Tardy – Teacher consequence

3rd Tardy – Parent notified

4th Tardy – Office referral

Excessive tardiness will be subject to the same consequences as excessive absences.

Prearranged Absences

Absence of three or more days should either be called in or a note should be sent with the student to the attendance office, preferably in advance. Students will then be given sheets to take to their teachers requesting assignments they will miss during their absence.

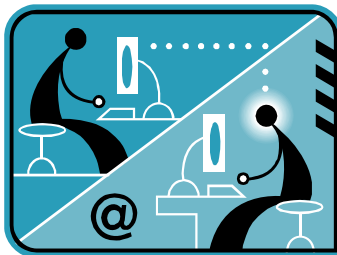
Note: Students may only be checked out to a person listed on the Emergency Card for illness or any other reason. Any changes to the Emergency Card must be made by the parent/guardian.

Appointments and Student Check-Out Procedure

Students may not leave school grounds without office permission. If a student needs to leave during school hours, whenever possible, parents should send a note with the student or call in advance to arrange student check-out through the attendance office. Parents are required to come into the office to check their student out. Parents are requested to avoid going to the classroom to retrieve a student. The student will be issued a pass to show their teacher and will report to the attendance office to sign out. Upon returning, the student should sign in at the attendance office and will receive a pass to class.

Make-Up Work and Homework Requests:

Students and parents are encouraged to consult the homework e-mails or the Student/Parent Portal in Infinite Campus for missing assignments. Additionally, grade-level teams may have websites with general information. These websites can be accessed through links on the Platt website. When requesting homework through the office, a 24 hour turnaround is required.



Dress Code

Platt appreciates the cooperation of students and families in complying with the following Student Dress Code. Violation of the Student Dress Code will result in the following consequences:

1st Offense: Student will be asked to change into appropriate clothing, PE Uniform or other school issued clothing.

2nd Offense: Parents will be notified. Student will be asked to change into appropriate clothing, PE uniform or other school issued clothing.

3rd and subsequent Offenses: Parents will be notified. Offense will be entered into student file, student will receive lunch detention, and student will be asked to change into appropriate clothing, PE uniform or other school issued clothing. Additional consequences may be issued.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

An effective educational environment reflects high standards and protects all students' rights to learn without distractions. Platt adheres to a dress code policy that maintains a harassment-free environment. Everyone is expected to dress appropriately and modestly for the classroom and for school activities.



Please review the following guidelines.

- Under garments must be covered by outer garments; no see-through or excessively torn clothing.
- Tops that do not reach the waist or that expose bare midriffs when arms are raised are not allowed.
- Shirts with low-necklines, low cut backs, backless shirts, half-shirts, muscle shirts and halter tops are not allowed.
- Shirt straps must be at least the width of two fingers.

- Skirts and shorts must be longer than finger tips when hands are by student's sides.
- Pajama tops and bottoms and sagging pants are not allowed
- Clothing that displays reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances, illegal activity, offensive slogans or designs, sexual innuendos, or emulation of gang affiliation are not allowed.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times in compliance with state health regulations. Sunglasses must be removed while in the building.
- Headbands, bandanas and head scarves (unless specified for a religious purpose) are not allowed inside the school building.
- Any items that could be detrimental to the safety of others, such as chains or spikes are not allowed.

School Closure

News of severe weather, school closures, or cancellation of bus schedules will be announced over local radio, TV stations, and the BVSD website at www.bvsd.org

Please DO NOT call school to get this information, as the school receives its information by listening to local TV and radio stations.

School Calendar

Our school calendar is updated daily and available through our website. Please visit <http://bvsd.org/schools/Platt> for information about sports, activities, events, fieldtrips and other pertinent information.

General Information

SCHOOL PROPERTY

Care for your school; it belongs to everyone. Keep the school clean. You can do this by putting papers, wrappers, and trash in trash cans and recycling bins. Keep the desk, walls, etc. free of writing and graffiti. Food and drink must be consumed in the cafeteria unless you are given permission by a teacher to do otherwise. Teachers may approve water bottles in classrooms.

TELEPHONE

Each teacher has a telephone with a direct number. The phone is only to be used with the teacher's permission. Office phones are for emergency use only.

SKATEBOARDS, SKATES, BIKES, SCOOTERS

All bikes **must** be parked at all times in the bicycle rack. Bikes **MUST** be locked and chained in the designated area. The school cannot be responsible for any damage or loss which may occur.

Skateboards, scooters, and in-line skates must be kept in lockers.



NO bike, skateboard, or scooter riding is allowed on school grounds during supervised school hours. Students must walk their bikes on and off school grounds.

PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOL

BVSD recognizes that portable electronic devices are tools of both communication and learning that, depending upon their use, can either add value to or disrupt the school environment.

Portable electronic devices include cell phones, iPods, PDAs, MP3s, wireless email devices, laptops, etc.

Portable electronic devices shall not be turned on or used in any way during school hours or at school-sponsored activities unless approved by school personnel. Portable electronic devices should be turned off and stored in school lockers during the school day. Portable electronic devices with

cameras may not be used to violate the privacy rights of another person (ex: you may not photograph others in a bathroom or locker room.)

Students are required to turn portable electronic devices over to school personnel when requested. Under certain circumstances, law enforcement authorities may be notified. Portable electronic devices are considered personal effects in a student's possession and thereby subject to Board Policy JFGA governing searches of such items. Except in cases of emergency, a cell phone or other electronic communication device will not be searched without the consent of either the student or parent.

BVSD shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of portable electronic devices brought onto school property.



LOCKERS

Lockers are assigned for one academic year and are provided for storage of outer clothing, books, school supplies and personal items.

Students are expected to be responsible for their belongings by properly storing them in their lockers. Personal belongings are not permitted to be left in classrooms, hallways, gyms, etc. Students should not bring any toys, valuable items or large amounts of cash to school. Platt Middle School cannot be held responsible for personal property.

Violation of the BVSD Portable Electronic Devices Policy will result in the following consequences:



1st Offense- Device will be turned over to the office and held until the end of the school day.

2nd Offense- Device will be turned over to the office, held until the end of the school day, and the parent will be notified

3rd and subsequent Offenses- Parent will be required to pick up device from the school office, and school consequences will be assigned.

HALLWAY CONDUCT

Students should only be in the hallway with a signed pass. Please walk in the halls to prevent accidents. Students should keep noise to a minimum. Respectful behavior is expected so as not to disturb the learning of others.

It is each student's responsibility to keep his/her locker clean and the locker combination secure. Sharing lockers or combinations may result in loss of locker privileges.

Lockers may be decorated for birthdays by students with administration approval. Design should be simple, no balloons. Students are responsible for cleaning up and taking down decorations at the end of the day.

PREPARATION

Students must come to class prepared with the school planner, notebooks, pens/pencils and texts.



CLOSED CAMPUS

The Boulder Valley School District has a "closed campus" policy for all middle schools. Students must remain on school grounds during the school day. With office approval, parents may eat lunch with their child at school.



VISITORS

Parents are always welcome to visit the school. As a safety procedure, we ask all visitors to check in at the attendance office and wear a visitor's badge while they are in the building. This procedure ensures that adults in the building, other than staff are identified. Volunteers will be required to fill out a background check.

BACKPACKS

Backpacks must remain in students' lockers during the day. Having backpacks in the classroom is a fire hazard and may cause a disruption to the learning environment

TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS

Students are responsible for all textbooks and materials that are issued to them by teachers. Replacement costs and fines will be assessed when appropriate.

HOMEWORK

Homework is a regular expectation at Platt. Students may assume that they will have homework on a regular basis, given at the discretion of each teacher. Time needed for homework will vary with the individual subject.



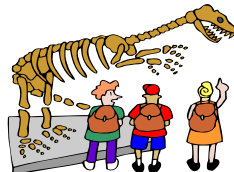
FIELD TRIPS

When students participate in field trips, they are representing Platt Middle School/Platt CHOICE and the entire Boulder Valley School District. We expect students to demonstrate this in the following ways:

- 1. Remain with your assigned group at all times.*
- 2. Follow the directions of your group leader.*

3. Demonstrate good conduct on the bus.

4. Keep your field trip privileges by behaving appropriately, courteously, and respectfully.



SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

*Teachers begin supervising students at **8:30 a.m.** Supervision ends at **3:45 p.m.** Students should not be dropped off before **8:25 a.m.** and need to be picked up by **3:45 p.m.** unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member.*

Night Events:

Students must attend evening events with a parent or other adult willing to take responsibility for the student. Students who are dropped off by themselves will be asked to return home.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

As part of our extensive emergency plan, Platt conducts periodic evacuation/lock down drills to ensure the safety of

students and staff in a real emergency situation. In the event of a fire alarm, students need to walk (not run) in single file to outside locations as posted in classrooms. Students need to stay with their teachers. Students who set off false fire alarms will be suspended and authorities will be notified.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CARDS

There **must** be a Student Emergency Card on file in the main office containing the daytime telephone numbers of parents/guardians and contact people.

NOTE: Students may only be checked out to a person listed on the Emergency Card for illness or any other reason. Any changes to the Emergency Card must be made by the parent/guardian.

CLASS INTERRUPTIONS AND MESSAGES

The research on effective schools indicates that classroom

interruptions detract from teaching and learning. Teachers need parent cooperation in helping to minimize distractions. If you need to get a message to a student, please call the office with the message and we will do our best to deliver the message.

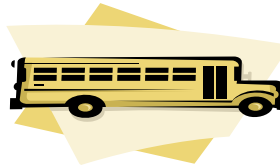
Please note that we will do our best to accommodate your request (s) but this is a **courtesy** and we will not always be able to deliver notes or items called in or dropped off.

TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE: 720-561-5125

Bus transportation is provided for those students living approximately 2 or more miles from school, unless provided for otherwise by the Boulder Valley Board of Education. All school rules apply at the bus stop and on the bus.

Any type of misconduct, including harassment of students or driver, is not allowed.



The DRIVER is in full charge of the bus and passengers. We recognize the transportation hardships imposed by suspending bus privileges, but

NO student will be allowed to jeopardize the safety of others.

Questions or concerns about transportation should be addressed to the district transportation department.

Remember, riding the bus is a privilege and not a right. If students abuse it, they will lose the privilege.

*Non-bus students or students who wish to ride another bus will need to bring written permission from the parent/guardian to the attendance office. If approved, the note will be signed by administration. **Please note:** A signed note by the parent and administrator is required to ride a bus. We may not accept verbal permission over the phone.*

RIDING THE RTD

Some students who attend Platt choose to ride the RTD. If a student rides the RTD they must catch the first bus possible after school. Loitering is not allowed. While waiting at the RTD stop, students will follow all school rules. Additionally, students are not allowed to cross in the middle of the street, throw snowballs or rocks, or use skateboards/bikes while waiting. Students will wait on the sidewalk or concrete pad, staying well away from the street. The teacher supervising will assist students crossing the street when the RTD is in sight.



BIKE SAFETY RULES

1. All students must wear a bike helmet.
2. All students will ride with the flow of traffic.
3. All students will dismount their bikes when crossing intersections.
4. Students are not allowed to ride in the parking lot.



HEALTH ROOM

If a student becomes ill during the day, s/he may visit the health room in the office. The student will need a pass from a teacher to come to the health room, except in the case of an emergency. A student who is exhibiting symptoms such as a high fever or paleness will be kept in the clinic until a parent/guardian or an adult

listed on the Student Emergency Card can pick the student up. Due to limited space, if the student is not exhibiting visible signs of illness, s/he will be sent back to class after 10 minutes. If a student has an accident or is ill, s/he should report to the health room immediately.



MEDICATION

The school health room may **NOT** provide any over-the-counter medication (Tylenol, aspirin, etc.) to students without the appropriate paperwork.

In order for us to dispense **any** medication, **prescribed or over-the-counter**, it is district policy that the **“PARENT’S REQUEST FOR GIVING MEDICINE AT SCHOOL AND RELEASE AGREEMENT AND PHYSICIAN’S SIGNED ORDER”** form **must** be filled out and signed by both the doctor and the parent/guardian. **Please note:** We may not give medication to a student without this form. Notes from parents/guardians are not acceptable. These forms can be obtained in the school’s health office.



Once this is done, the prescribed medication must be sent to the office in its original container with the pharmacy label intact. The label must give the direction for administration and the student’s name must be clearly shown. Medicine can only be given to the person who is named on the label.

Students are not allowed to carry any type of medication (over-the-counter or prescription) on their person or in his/her backpack, unless special permission has been arranged through the District Nurse.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

The LMC provides a variety of print and electronic resources for curriculum-related research and personal enjoyment. Our mission is to ensure that students learn to effectively and ethically use the information available to them. In addition, we strive to foster a love of literature and reading. Respectful behavior is expected. The library will be open each day from 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. and during lunch with a hall pass. In order to check materials out of

the library, students **MUST** have a current, school-issued ID card.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in or attend after-school activities and performances. Students may only attend events with a parent.

Whether a student is a participant or a spectator, s/he should display good sportsmanship at all times. Courteous and polite manners are expected during school activities. **Students attending evening performances must have an adult chaperone.**



Throughout the year student socials will occur at the end of the school day and will include a variety of activities. Only Platt and Platt CHOICE students may attend. The same school rules apply for all events and socials that are in effect during the normal school day. Depending upon the activity, minimal donations may be requested.

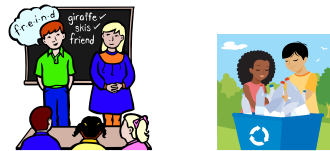
LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found bins across from the cafeteria to locate lost articles. The school is not responsible for items lost or stolen. Items that are not claimed will be discarded or donated at the end of each month.

Activities

(may vary yearly)

Musicals, Show Choir, Drama, Jazz Band, Geography and Spelling Bees, Book Clubs, Chess Club, Rec. Games, Archery, WEB, Student Council, Science Fair, TAG, Math Counts, Guitar Club, Brain Bowl, World Affairs Challenge, Recycling, Silver Wars, School Dances, EcoClub



COUNSELING

Counselors are available to assist students with personal, social and academic needs. In addition to meeting with students

individually, counselors meet with groups of students, conduct classroom and small group activities, and consult with teachers and parents. If a student wishes to see a counselor, they must fill out a form in the office to make an appointment. Parents may call the counseling office at 720-561-6862 if they wish to speak to a counselor.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice during the year. Throughout the year parents may request a conference if needed.



GRADE REPORTING

Platt Middle School operates on a trimester schedule. There are three trimesters during the school year with each trimester containing 12 weeks. Report Cards are issued six times during the year at the end of each six-week term.



Platt uses a grading system that is standards-based. In a standards-based grading and reporting system, grades communicate how well a student performs compared to the standards for each subject and grade level or for each course. Grades reflect student achievement of what they are expected to know and do, as defined by the Boulder Valley School District curriculum.

Students and parents should use the portal feature in Infinite Campus to access the progress of student's grades www.bvsd.org.

Athletics

Interscholastic Sports are offered with scheduled competitions against other middle schools in our district. These sports include girls' soccer (7th and 8th), football (8th), girls' basketball (8th), and boys' basketball (8th), girls' volleyball (8th), track (6th-8th), and wrestling (6th-8th). An athletic physical examination, a BVSD Athletic Packet, and an \$85 participation fee are required in order to participate in each interscholastic sport. Fee waivers are available from the assistant principal.

All Interscholastic athletic activities require a current physical on file in the office.

Intramural Activities provides an introduction to athletics with an emphasis on participation and enjoyment of physical activity. They last approximately three weeks and conclude with a culminating activity with other BVSD schools. They include boys basketball, girls basketball, girls volleyball, and coed flag football and boys soccer. A \$45 participation fee and a signed BVSD Athletic Packet are needed.

Sports Uniforms are issued free of charge. They will be returned in good condition or fines will be assessed. Failure to return or pay for uniforms by the end of the school year will result in a fine.

Students may attend athletic events as a spectator. We encourage parents to attend with their children. Good sportsmanship is expected of all participants and spectators. Booming, stomping on the bleachers and rude behavior are not considered good sportsmanship and will not be allowed. Students attending the event must remain in the gym. Students **MUST** be picked up by 5:30 p.m.



Discipline Policies and Procedures

Students and parents are responsible for reviewing and knowing the behavior expectations outlined in both this student handbook and the BVSD "Students' and Parents' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook" published by the District.

SAFETY: Students will always act in a manner that does not endanger themselves or others, physically, or emotionally.

RESPECT: Students will respect the dignity and worth of everyone. Students will respect the property of others, including school equipment and facilities.

RESPONSIBILITY: Students and staff will always accept responsibility for their own actions.

1. Cooperate with others and treat them with respect at all times.
2. Behave in a manner that allows you and your fellow students to learn.
3. Respect the rights, property, and space of others at all times. This includes being respectful towards our building, grounds, and the staff who takes care of them.
4. Use appropriate language at all times. Violence, obscenity, and vulgarities are detrimental to the rights, health, safety, and the welfare of others.
5. Follow the expectations of teachers, supervisors, and coaches in any classroom or activity.
6. Abstain from all forms of bullying, hazing, discrimination, or harassment of others. Platt values diversity and acknowledges that all students have a right to feel safe at school. **There is no tolerance for discrimination or harassment of others due to race, religion, body shape/size, sexual orientation/gender expression, or disabilities (Platt's Big 5 Rule).**
7. Abstain from all types of sexual harassment which can include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, inappropriate clothing, and jokes, slurs, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Possible Consequences for Misconduct

It is the goal of the administration to establish positive rapport and relationships with students. We believe mistakes are an opportunity to learn.

1. WARNINGS AND DISCUSSIONS: The first trip to the office on a minor offense may only warrant a warning. However, repeated trips and offenses will most certainly result in parent contact.

2. PARENT NOTIFICATION.

3. PARENT CONFERENCE: Parents will be asked to come to the school for a conference to discuss the misconduct and the consequences.

4. OTHER CONSEQUENCES: Depending on the severity and frequency of the misconduct, consequences will be assigned. Consequences could include discussions, detentions, restorative justice, in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, and expulsion.

BVSD/Platt Zero Tolerance Policy

To ensure a safe learning environment at Platt, we operate on the "BVSD Zero Tolerance" Policy. Suspension and possible expulsion from school will result when students are guilty of infractions, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Continued willful disobedience
2. Willful destruction/stealing of school property
3. Assault/robbery
4. Dangerous weapons
5. Arson
6. Behavior detrimental to the welfare and safety of others
7. Obscene conduct or behavior
8. Verbal abuse
9. Disruptive behavior
10. Extortion
11. Lying
12. Scholastic dishonesty
13. Hazing/harassment
14. Gambling
15. Clothing (see dress code)
16. Drugs/alcohol
17. Smoking
18. Throwing objects
19. Habitually disruptive students

Student Safety

School counselors at Platt Middle School work with students, parents and teachers to ensure a safe environment for every student. Students are encouraged to report any unsafe situation to a teacher or counselor. In addition to this the following hotline SAFE 2 TELL is available:

SAFE 2 TELL is designed to help YOU - students, teachers & parents anonymously report anything that is scaring or endangering you, your friends or your family. You don't need to be afraid to call Safe2Tell.

Remain anonymous *call 1-877-542-SAFE*

We want to make our schools and communities safer by focusing on prevention. So if you've seen something suspicious, been bullied, feel threatened or noticed that a friend needs help, call and make a difference before something bad happens. For more information about this hotline, go to www.safe2tell.org.

Please see the **BVSD Student Rights and Responsibilities Guide** for a detailed description of each infraction. Some of these polices are derived from the School Safety Act.

The School Safety Act

The Colorado State Legislature has made some significant changes in the laws regarding student discipline in the public schools. The School Safety Act, enacted in 1993 and revised in 1996 stipulates that **suspension followed by expulsions shall be mandatory for the following serious violations in the school or on school property:**

- Carrying, bringing, using, or possessing a **dangerous weapon** without the authorization of the school or the district. A dangerous weapon includes, but is not limited to, a firearm loaded or unloaded, or a firearm facsimile that could be mistaken for an actual firearm, which includes squirt guns, cap guns, or any other device designed to propel projectiles, a pellet or BB gun or other air-guns, a knife' or any other weapon or instrument which in the manner in which it is intended to be used is capable of producing death or serious bodily injury.
- Sale of drugs or controlled substances which expulsion is mandatory.
- Bringing, carrying, possessing, buying, selling, or exchanging **alcohol**, restricted or dangerous **drugs** or controlled substances.
- The commission of an act which if committed by an adult would be **robbery** or **assault** (first or second degree assault under the criminal code, which generally requires an intent to cause serious bodily injury and that the victim suffer bodily injury), all as defined by applicable law.

For a habitually disruptive student, expulsion shall be mandatory.

A student shall be determined to be habitually disruptive if:

1. The student is suspended three times in a school year for--
 - Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority.
 - Willful destruction, defacing, or damaging of school property or private property.
 - Behavior on school property which is detrimental to the welfare and safety of other students or of school personnel.
 - Serious violations in a school building or on school property.
2. The conduct was initiated, overt, and willful on the part of the student.
3. The conduct caused a material and substantial disruption in the classroom, on school grounds, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity.

After the first suspension the school will develop a remedial discipline plan for the student, pursuant to district policy. This plan will be reviewed and modified after the second such suspension.

The student's parent or guardian must be notified in writing of each suspension. A remedial discipline plan must be developed after each suspension for disruptive conduct.

This act also--

- Permits the school to suspend or apply for expulsion of students involved in improper conduct off grounds, during non-school hours including weekends, which may significantly affect the learning environment at school.
- Allows for a student expelled in one district to be denied entry into another district at the discretion of that school.

Definitions of "Suspension" and "Expulsion"

"Suspension" means the exclusion of a student from attending school and participating in school activities for a specified and limited period of time. The school can suspend students for up to five school days for each infraction. The Superintendent of Schools may extend the number of suspension days.

"Expulsion" means the exclusion of a student from attending school and participating in school activities in any Boulder Valley School for a specified period of time up to one calendar year. The Board of Education determines the expulsion of a student.

During the time of suspension or expulsion, the suspended student is not allowed on school grounds or on any BVSD property.

Disciplinary Information

Disciplinary information may be provided to another school when a student moves, transfers, or makes application for transfer. Consent of the parent, guardian, or student to release the information is not required. The principal/assistant principal must communicate disciplinary information about a student to all teachers who have direct contact with the student in the classroom and to the student's counselor. The teachers and counselor must keep the information confidential. A copy of the disciplinary information that is communicated to teachers and the counselor must be provided to the student and the student's parent or guardian. The student and the student's parent or guardian may challenge the accuracy of the information, using the process provided for in the District's discipline code.

