CONDUCT

The Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Office of Education believe that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, while at school activities, and while on County Office transportation.

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)
(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall ensure that each school site develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with County Office policies and administrative regulations. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of County Office and school rules related to conduct.

Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, possession of a firearm or other weapon, and terrorist threats

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

2. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students or staff, including sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, cyberbullying, hazing or initiation activity, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause violence, bodily harm, or substantial disruption to the school program

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

3. Conduct that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

4. Willful defiance of staff's authority

5. Damage to or theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the County Office

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

6. Obscene acts or use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language
7. Possession, use, or being under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other prohibited substances

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

8. Possession or use of a laser pointer, unless for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose with prior permission of the principal or designee (Penal Code 417.27)

9. Use of a cell phone, smart watch, pager, or other mobile communication device during instructional time or in an unauthorized manner in violation of County Office policy

(cf. 5131.8 - Mobile Communication Devices)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

10. Plagiarism or dishonesty on school work or tests

(cf. 5131.9 - Academic Honesty)
(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)
(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

11. Wearing of any attire that violates County Office or school dress codes, including gang-related apparel

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

12. Tardiness or unexcused absence from school

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision)
(cf. 5113.12 - District School Attendance Review Board)

13. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

Employees are expected to provide appropriate supervision to enforce standards of conduct and, when they observe or receive a report of a violation of these standards, to appropriately intervene or seek assistance. As necessary, the employee shall refer the matter to a supervisor or the principal or designee.

When a school employee suspects that a search of a student or a student's belongings will turn up evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules, such a search shall be conducted in accordance with BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure.

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When a student uses any prohibited device, or uses a permitted device in an unauthorized manner, a district employee may confiscate the device. The employee shall store the device securely until it is returned to the student or turned over to the principal or designee, as appropriate.

Students who violate County Office or school rules and regulations may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, transfer to alternative programs, referral to a student success team or counseling services, or denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges in accordance with County Office policy and administrative regulation. The County Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)
(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

Students also may be subject to discipline, in accordance with the law, Board policy or administrative regulation, for any off-campus conduct during nonschool hours which poses a threat or danger to the safety of students, staff, or County Office property, or substantially disrupts school activities

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
32261 Bullying
35181 Governing board policy on responsibilities of students
35291-35291.5 Rules
44807 Duty concerning conduct of students
48900-48925 Suspension or expulsion, especially:
48908 Duties of students
51512 Prohibition use of electronic listening or recording device in classroom without permission
CIVIL CODE
1714.1 Liability of parents and guardians for willful misconduct of minor
PENAL CODE
417.25-417.27 Laser scope
647 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor
647.7 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; punishment
653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety
VEHICLE CODE
23124 Use of cellular phones provisional license holders
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
300-307 Duties of pupils
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000h-2000h6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47
254 Universal service discounts (e-rate)
COURT DECISIONS
Management Resources:

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Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS  
Bullying at School, 2003  
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Digital Discipline: Off-Campus Student Conduct, the First Amendment and Web Sites, School Law in Review, 2001  
NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER PUBLICATIONS  
Set Straight on Bullies, 1989  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS  
Preventing Bullying: A Manual for Schools and Communities, 1998  
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CSBA: http://www.csba.org  
California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety: http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov  
California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss  
Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: http://csriu.org and http://cyberbully.org  
National School Boards Association: http://www.nsba.org  
National School Safety Center: http://www.schoolsafety.us  
NetSmartz: http://www.netsmartz.org  

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