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The school board is conscious of the serious purpose of the educational process and desires to provide, at public expense, an environment for learning that recognizes the orderly process necessary to establish and maintain a property instructional program and to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of all personnel. Any act of any person or persons to interfere with or to thwart that purpose is unlawful. Therefore, actions by a student or students to interfere materially or substantially with the operation of the school by infringing upon the rights of others to accept instructions, by defacing, or destroying school property, by rioting, break-ins, sit-ins, lie-ins, smash-ins, and picketing to force students not to cross picket lines, are illegal. Students who engage in such activities will be punished to the full extent of the law.
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1. A disruption of the normal routine and operation of schools shall be reported to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools shall have the discretion to alert police and to direct the activities of school personnel and students.

2. Students participating in disruptive acts shall be directed by the building administrator or a designee to return to the assigned area, generally a classroom. At the same time, the building administrator or a designee shall arrange for a meeting between the administration and the individual(s) and/or leaders of the group(s), to discuss an orderly process of restoring order.

3. Non-students, authorized or unauthorized, shall be directed to leave school property immediately.

4. When the safety of staff and/or students is endangered, the school building and school property should be evacuated.

5. At no time during a demonstration shall the school board or the Superintendent of Schools enter into negotiations with the protestors, either orally or in written form.

6. As soon as normal operational processes can be resumed, the Superintendent of Schools is charged with establishing communications with the protesting group(s) and seek to resolve the issues, or to refer the protestors to the school board.

7. Students and/or employees participating in disruptive demonstration on school property are subject to suspension.

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