

WVHS Discipline Policies

Overview West Valley High School is committed to providing a safe and secure campus where student learning can occur. In order to guarantee all students at West Valley High School the excellent learning climate that they deserve, a school wide discipline plan has been established:

- No student will interfere with the teachers' teaching.
- No student will interfere with another student's learning.
- No student will engage in any behavior that is not in his/her best interest or in the best interest of others.

When students engage in inappropriate behaviors, they will be dealt with fairly and consistently using progressive discipline. Students may be subject to after school detention, in house suspension, a required parent conference, a behavior contract, suspension, referral to Shasta County Sheriff's Department, referral to site and district study teams, placement in alternative education programs, and/or expulsion from the Anderson Union High School District.

Partnership with Sheriff West Valley High School and the Shasta County Sheriff's Department have developed a partnership to ensure a safe school. The Sheriff's Department has assigned a Diversion Officer to visit the campus four days a week. The purpose of the partnership is to counsel students and enforce violations of the law.

Referral To Sheriff The school wide discipline plan outlined above regulates the behavior of all students while at school or at any school activity. In addition, the following is a limited list of specific school violations that have consequences at school and may result in a referral to the Sheriff's Department:

Racism, Hate-Motivated Behaviors, Civil Rights Violations No person, will by force or threat of force, willfully injure, intimidate, interfere with, oppress, or threaten another person because of the other person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation.

Gang Related Activities A gang is any ongoing organizations, association or group of three or more persons, who commits a crime using a common name, symbol, common identifying sign, or dress alike wearing common colors.

Weapons, Explosives California State Law forbids the possession of weapons, including knives, or explosive devices at school or within 1000 feet of a school. Furthermore, the law requires a recommendation for expulsion by the principal for those students who bring weapons or explosive devices to school or school activities.

Sexual Harassment It is a crime to sexually harass or assault a student. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Any person who engages in the sexual harassment of anyone in or from the district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Fighting There are many misconceptions about fighting on campus being self-defense vs. assault. For example, if one student hits or pushes another student, that student can be charged with battery. If the other student fights back, both can be charged with fighting on campus. The consequences for fighting are as follows:

- 1st Offense: Two days of in house suspension.
- 2nd Offense: Five days off campus suspension.
- 3rd Offense: Placement in alternative education or a recommendation for expulsion.

Smoking, Drinking, Use of Drugs The California Education Code states that students may be suspended or recommended for expulsion when determined to be under the influence or in possession of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. Lighters and matches are prohibited.

Tobacco Violation:

- 1st Offense: Two days of in house suspension. Referral to the Sheriff's Department.
- 2nd Offense: Five days of suspension, citation, and placement on a behavior contract.
- 3rd Offense: Five Days of suspension and placement in alternative education.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Drug Paraphernalia:

1st Offense: Five days of suspension, one year's disciplinary probation, parent conference and referral to Shasta County Sheriff's Department.

2nd Offense: Placement in alternative education or recommendation for expulsion.

School Transportation

The safety of school bus passengers is the most important part of school bus operation. Those who choose to interfere with school bus regulations may lose the privilege of riding. Bus passes will not be issued after 12:30 p.m.

Motor Vehicles

The use of vehicles for transportation to and from school by students is a privilege, and not a right. All students who drive a car to a school must park in the designated student parking area and follow laws and regulations established by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Loss or damage to student's motor vehicles or property in vehicles is not the responsibility of the school. Students are advised to lock and secure their vehicles while parked in school lots.

Students are not to loiter in the parking lot or in their cars during class time, between classes, or at lunchtime. Student vehicles may be subject to search.

Behavior at Activities

The fact that you are a member of the West Valley High School student body makes you a representative of our school. People of this and other communities will judge our school as "1st or 2nd rate" by your actions.

Assemblies

Assemblies are a regularly scheduled part of the curriculum and as such, are designed to be educational as well as entertaining experiences. They provide one of the few opportunities in school to learn formal audience behavior. Regardless of the type of program, courtesy demands that the student body be respectful and appreciative. In live entertainment, unlike radio, television, or movies, the performers are very conscious of their audience. Talking, whispering, whistling, stamping of feet and booing are discourteous.

Rallies These events are organized to help build support for our athletic teams. Generally, they are meant to be noisy but when team players, coaches, the student body president or others are speaking, your undivided attention is expected.

Athletic Contests West Valley High school is committed to the exhibition of sportsmanlike and ethical behaviors in and around all athletic contests. All contests must be safe, courteous, fair, controlled, and orderly for athletes and fans alike.