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To: Members of the Board of Education
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Re: First Reading
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Policy and Legal Services will present one First Reading during the next Board of Education meeting. A summary of the policy's content is provided.

Article VIII.A.32. Administrative Penalties for Disruptive or Truant Students

The Board discussed this policy in concept during its October study session. The Board agreed at that time to consider a policy that imposes administrative penalties on students who are smoking or fighting on school property. This policy is intended to provide an impetus for students to attend courses provided by the District that teach and promote pro-social behavior as an intermediate intervention. This course of action is also intended to replace the practice of officers arresting students or issuing criminal citations for low-level offences consistent with new legislation, HB 239. The Board is specifically granted authority to impose administrative penalties for disruptive behavior and the use of tobacco products or similar products in Utah State statute.

Article VIII.A.32. Administrative Penalties for Disruptive or Truant Students

A. Statement of Policy

Utah State statutes provide authority to local school boards to impose administrative penalties for disruptive student behavior. The Granite School District Board of Education subscribes to diverting students engaging in disruptive behavior to programs where students can receive additional education and support. As such, administrative penalties in the form of schools fines are permitted in secondary schools so long as students are not precluded from engaging in school programming and students have the option to attend courses and other programming promoting pro-social behavior.

B. Fines

1. Fighting is an activity that is particularly disruptive to the operation of schools. Therefore, a student who participates in a fight as an aggressor, whether the fight is considered an assault or mutual combat, is subject to a fine.

a. A fighting fine is \$50.00

b. The first fighting fine may be waived by a school if the student attends a Granite District Safe Course with a parent or guardian.

2. Smoking, using tobacco products of any kind, and using vaping devices on school grounds are illegal but are crimes that cannot be referred to juvenile court (unlike possession of alcohol or illegal drugs). These activities are considered disruptive to the orderly operation of schools and are subject to a fine.

a. A \$25.00 fine shall be imposed for a first offense. The first offense smoking (or related activity) shall be waived if the student attends a District sponsored Quit Course with a parent or guardian.

b. A \$50.00 fine shall be imposed for a second offense. If the student has not attended a Quit Course previously, the second offense for smoking (or related activity) shall be waived if the student attends the Quit Course with a parent or guardian.

c. All subsequent fines for smoking (or related activity) shall result in a \$50.00 fine.

C. Consequences and Alternative Restitution

1. Students with unpaid fines for disruptive conduct described in this policy shall forfeit the right of participation in graduation/promotion activities and extra-curricular activities.

2. In lieu of payment of fines described in this policy, a student may perform school related service at the discretion of school administration.
3. Students and parents or guardians may contest the fine imposed on the student through the process established by Safe Schools (*see* Administrative Memorandum No. 106).
4. Unpaid fines shall be referred to Granite District's 3rd party collection agency.

REFERENCES

Utah Code, §53A-11-910

Utah Code, §53A-11-911

Utah Code, §53A-11-101.7

Administrative Memorandum No. 106, Safe School Policy

Article VIII.B.3. School Safety Violations

Article VIII.B.11. Truancy Prevention Policy