



School Safety and Behavior Policies

This section details Riverton High School's policies regarding weapons, illegal substances, and discriminatory behavior, all of which are critical to maintaining a safe learning environment.

Weapons Policy (AS-67: Discipline of students)

- Prohibition: Students are strictly prohibited from possessing, using, or selling weapons on school property or at school-sponsored activities.
 - Definition of Weapon: The policy broadly defines a weapon to include:
 - Any firearm or knife.
 - Explosive devices or fireworks.
 - Noxious or flammable materials (e.g., mace, pepper spray).
 - Any type of martial arts weapon.
 - Any replica or facsimile of the items listed above, whether functional or non-functional.
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Illegal Substances Policy (AS-90)

- Prohibition: Students may not possess, use, or be under the influence of any illegal substances, including drugs, alcohol, or tobacco (which includes vaping products).
 - Consequences: Violations of this policy follow a tiered disciplinary system and the consequences remain on a student's record for 3 years.
 - Medication:
 - Students are permitted to carry up to a 12-hour dose of prescription medication (it must be in a prescription bottle labeled with the student's name, medicine, and dosage).
 - Students may also carry up to a 12-hour dose of common over-the-counter medication (e.g., Tylenol, Advil).
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Discriminatory Language Policy (AS-94)

Discriminatory language, hate speech, and slurs are strictly prohibited as they negatively impact student safety, mental health, and sense of belonging. The Jordan School District mandates that every person has the right to be free from discrimination.

- Discriminatory Language: Unfair words or phrases based on protected characteristics (race, gender, age, orientation, disability, or religion) that promote stereotypes and exclusion.
 - Hate Speech: Communication (spoken, written, or behavioral) that disparages a person or group based on protected characteristics and aims to incite hostility, violence, or discrimination.
 - Slurs: Offensive or derogatory terms, often rooted in prejudice, used to insult or demean a person or group, which dehumanizes and reinforces negative stereotypes.
 - Consequences: Using these prohibited words can lead to severe disciplinary actions, including:
 - In-school suspension.
 - Out-of-school suspension.
 - Referral to a Safe Schools Hearing.
 - Expulsion.
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Overall School Safety Message

- "See Something, Say Something!" Students are urged to report any safety concerns or instances of poor behavior or illegal activity to school administration or staff.