

### **Academic Achievement Record (AAR)/Transcript**

Each student has an academic achievement record with grades, graduation credits, grade point average and standardized test scores recorded from the beginning of the freshman year. A photocopy of the record is called a transcript and is required for admission by most secondary and post-secondary institutions. An official transcript may not be released without written request from a parent or student over (18) years of age.

Students taking dual credit classes are required to request their official transcripts with partnering institutions every semester in order for ILTexas to input dual credit course grades into their ILTexas transcript. It is the student's responsibility to provide college transcripts to their Universities of choice.

### **DISCIPLINE/STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **General Principles And Guidelines**

These rules of conduct and discipline are established to maintain good order and discipline in the school and to encourage responsible behavior on the part of all students. The objective of the Student Code of Conduct (the "Code of Conduct") is to change errant behavior and to help the student make wiser decisions and better choices. The staff of the school has the responsibility to enforce the standards and policies of this Code of Conduct. Full cooperation of the students and parents/guardians is expected.

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board of Directors and provides information to parents and students regarding expectations for behavior, consequences for misconduct, and procedures for administering discipline.

In accordance with state law, the Code of Conduct will be posted at each ILTexas campus and/or will be available for review at the Campus Principal's office. Parents will be notified of any violation that may result in a student being suspended or expelled from ILTexas.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times. Any behavior that is detrimental to the learning environment of the student or other students and/or staff members will not be tolerated. A student whose behavior shows disrespect toward others, including interference with another's access to public education and to a safe environment, will be subject to disciplinary action.

#### **Reporting To Legal Authorities**

The Campus administration will notify the appropriate law enforcement officials, if there is reason to believe a violation of law has occurred or there is a threat to safety.

#### **Authority And Jurisdiction**

ILTexas has jurisdiction and disciplinary authority over a student in the following circumstances:

1. During the regular school day and while the student is going to and from school;
2. While the student is in attendance at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location;
3. For any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location;
4. For any Offense of level III or IV committed while on ILTexas property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity of ILTexas or another school in Texas;
5. For any Offense of level III or IV committed away from ILTexas property or utilized facility and not at a school-sponsored or school-related event, if the misconduct creates a substantial disruption

- to the educational environment, in the reasonable discretion of ILTexas;
6. While the student is in transit to or from school or to or from school-related activities or events;
  7. When retaliation against a school employee or volunteer occurs or is threatened, regardless of time or location;
  8. When criminal mischief is committed on or off ILTexas property or any facility<sup>1</sup> and/or at a school-related event;
  9. When the student commits any felony punishable as a Level IV expulsion Offense under the Student Code of Conduct;
  10. Any misdemeanor or felony offense, no matter when or where said activity occurs, if ILTexas determines that said activity occurred by a preponderance of the evidence; and
  11. Any cyberbullying, on-line harassment, cybercrime, or computer related crime, that involves a computer or any device and/or network (“in the cloud” or otherwise), no matter when or where said activity occurs, including the sharing, displaying or transmitting any illegal images, words or otherwise, or that creates or is likely to create a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

Note: In addition to disciplinary consequences, misdemeanor and felony offenses committed on campus may be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

Note: Any reference to school, property or facility includes any premises where ILTexas conducts any business, whether owned, leased, rented or donated.

### **Expected Standards Of Student Conduct**

Each student is expected to behave in a responsible manner by:

12. Demonstrating courtesy and respect for others;
13. Attending all classes, regularly and on time;
14. Preparing for each class by taking the appropriate materials and assignments to class;
15. Being well-groomed and dressing appropriately as defined by the school’s uniform policy and at principal’s discretion.
16. Obeying all campus, classroom and extracurricular rules, as well as appropriate verbal directives (in the reasonable discretion of ILTexas) given by any ILTexas employee or any other designated person;
17. Respecting the rights and privileges of other students, school staff, and other adults on campus or at school-related activities on or off campus;
18. Respecting the property of others, including school property and facilities;
19. Cooperating or assisting the school staff in maintaining safety, order, and discipline;
20. Adhering to the Academic Honesty Policy; and
21. Adhering to the Code of Conduct.

### **Campus, Classroom, and Assembly Rules**

In addition to rules in this Code of Conduct, Campus Principals may impose additional campus rules, and teachers and extracurricular sponsors may impose and communicate such additional campus rules, classroom rules, where such rules are not inconsistent with this Code. A student’s conduct in assemblies and other out-of-classroom activity must comply with rules applicable to those of the classroom.

### **Extracurricular Standards**

Sponsors and coaches may develop and communicate written extracurricular expected standards of behavior for induction in and continued participation in that activity. Such standards may be higher than those of the Code of Conduct. These standards must be communicated to the students involved in that extracurricular activity and must be approved by the Campus Principal. Students who violate communicated extracurricular standards of behavior may be subject to disciplinary action under the Code of Conduct and, in addition, denied the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities.

### **Discipline Management Techniques**

Discipline will be designed to improve conduct and to encourage students to adhere to their responsibilities as members of the school community. Disciplinary action will draw on the professional judgment of teachers and administrators and on a range of discipline management techniques. Discipline for a particular offense may bring into consideration varying techniques and responses.

The following discipline management techniques may be used—alone or in combination—for misbehavior violating the Code of Conduct or campus/classroom rules:

- A. Assignment to After School Discipline (ASD), which includes up to 90 minutes of physical exercise, in a manner consistent with all rules and regulations applicable to student health and proper discipline of students with disabilities and/or other limiting conditions
- B. Assignment of school duties, other than class tasks, such as cleaning desks and campus beautification
- C. Behavioral contracts or an expectation plan
- D. Cooling off or timeout
- E. Counseling by teachers, counselors, or administrators
- F. Detention, either during the school day or outside the school day and/or Saturday School
- G. Expulsion, as specified in the Code of Conduct
- H. Grade reductions for academic violations such as cheating, copying, allowing others to copy work, or plagiarism
- I. In-school suspension, as specified in the Code of Conduct
- J. Out-of-School suspension (Note: In-School-Suspension must be considered before OSS is assigned.)
- K. Parent-administrator conferences
- L. Parent-teacher conferences
- M. Phone calls to parents/guardians
- N. Referral to an outside agency and/or legal authority for criminal prosecution, in addition to disciplinary measures imposed by ILTexas
- O. Rewards or demerits
- P. School probation, which may include a warning letter or statement from ILTexas administrators that future conduct may result discipline in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- Q. Seating changes in the classroom or lunchroom
- R. Sending the student to the office or other assigned areas, or another short-term removal from the classroom
- S. Temporary confiscation of items that disrupt the educational process
- T. Verbal or oral correction

- U. Withdrawal of privileges, such as participation in extracurricular activities and eligibility for seeking and holding honorary offices
- V. Reflective essay using character traits
- W. Restorative Discipline
- X. Any other discipline management technique that is deemed appropriate by ILTexas

#### **Role Of ILTexas Staff**

TEACHERS are authorized to assign Lunch Detention and Classroom Detention. Classroom Detention by a teacher must be scheduled with the parent and coordinated with the Grade Level Administrator. Teachers will work to determine why the student misbehaved and to help the student learn to make better choices in similar future situations.

THE GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR (GLA) is authorized to handle student discipline and may assign and supervise ASD of up to 90 minutes to help the student learn to make better choices in similar future situations.

THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (AP) or designee is authorized to enforce discipline and to investigate any allegation of misconduct. The AP may question any witnesses in addition to the offending student and may ask for written statements that may include time, date, circumstances, observations, and signature.

The AP may assign all above disciplinary consequences and is authorized to supervise ASD, up to 90 minutes of physical exercise that may include students walking 3 miles (20 minute pace), cleaning desks, campus beautification efforts, or other relevant duties as assigned. Additionally, the AP may assign Saturday Detention, In-School-Suspension (ISS), or Out of School Suspensions (OSS) for up to five days. The AP will attempt to reach a parent by phone and follow-up with an email notification to the parent of ISS dates.

THE CAMPUS PRINCIPAL has the authority to implement the Code of Conduct, up to and including the suspension of a student from campus. The Campus Principal may also assign any of the disciplinary consequences described above and may recommend a student for expulsion.

#### **Code Of Conduct Violations**

##### **Level I Offenses**

The following Level I behaviors are prohibited at all school and school-related activities:

1. Scuffling (pushing, shoving, hitting, kicking or something akin thereto) – student on student
2. Disobeying conduct rules when riding school transportation or when driving a personal vehicle to or from school and or school-related activities
3. Engaging in any misbehavior that gives school officials reasonable cause to believe that such conduct will substantially disrupt the school program
4. Public displays of affection (PDA)
5. Using a cellular telephone or other electronic device without permission from a staff member
6. Possessing or using a laser pointer for other than an approved use
7. Excessive tardiness as defined by the tardy section of the Attendance Policy
8. Violating campus or classroom standards of behavior
9. Skipping/ditching/cutting a class
10. Using profanity

11. Violating dress and grooming standards as communicated in the Student/Parent Handbook
12. Violating laboratory safety rules.

#### Disciplinary Consequences for Level I Offenses Detention

- Application of one or more Discipline Management Techniques
- After School Discipline (ASD)
- Confiscation of cell phones or other electronic devices if the offense relates to the use of the cell phone or other electronic device
- Restorative Discipline
- Removal from the classroom and/or placement in another classroom
- Restitution/restoration, if applicable
- Behavioral Contract
- Temporary confiscation of items that are prohibited or that disrupt the educational process
- Parent contact
- Withdrawal of privileges, such as participation in extracurricular activities and eligibility for seeking and holding honorary offices, and/or membership in school-sponsored clubs or organizations
- In School Suspension (ISS)

#### Level II Offenses

The following Level II behaviors are prohibited at all school and school-related activities, and at other times and locations as described below:

1. Insubordination, or failing to comply with directives given by school personnel
2. Violating the ILTexas honor code by committing academic dishonesty, to include but not limited to cheating or copying the work of another student
3. Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of breach of computer security under Section 33.02, Penal Code, if
  - a. the conduct involves accessing a computer, computer network, or computer system owned by or operated on behalf of ILTexas; and
  - b. the student knowingly (i) alters, damages, or deletes ILTexas property or information or (ii) commits a breach of any other computer, computer network, or computer system
4. Engaging in threatening behavior toward another student or school employee on or off school property or engaging in verbal or written exchanges that threaten the safety of another student, a school employee, or school property
5. Possessing or selling a weapons replica (look-alike weapon)
6. Possessing published or electronic material that is designed to promote or encourage illegal behavior or that could threaten school safety; using e-mail, social media, or Internet sites to encourage illegal behavior or threaten school safety
7. Throwing objects that can cause bodily injury or property damage
8. Making false accusations or hoaxes regarding school safety
9. Discharging a fire extinguisher without a valid or reasonable reason
10. Damaging or vandalizing property owned by others
11. Using mace or pepper spray
12. Deliberate destruction or tampering with school computer data or networks
13. Possession of stolen property

14. False alarm, false statement or report
15. Gambling
16. Possessing or using matches or a lighter
17. Using the Internet or other electronic communications to threaten students or employees, or cause disruption to the school program or to promote/encourage illegal behavior that could threaten school safety
18. Using articles not generally considered to be weapons, including but not limited to school supplies, to harm others
19. Issuing a false fire alarm
20. Falsifying records, passes, or other school-related documents
21. Violating computer use policies, rules, or agreements signed by the student, and/or agreements signed by the student's parent
22. Possessing, smoking, or using cigarettes, cigars or chewing tobacco
23. Leaving school grounds or school-sponsored events without permission
24. Academic dishonesty
25. Using racially derogatory language
26. Persistent Level I offenses

Disciplinary Consequences for Level II Offenses (not in order of progressive disciplinary measures):

- Detention
- Application of one or more Discipline Management Techniques
- After School Discipline (ASD)
- Confiscation of cell phones or other electronic devices if the offense relates to the use of the cell phone or other electronic device
- Grade reductions for academic dishonesty
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension
- Restorative Discipline
- Removal from the classroom and/or placement in another classroom
- Restitution/restoration, if applicable
- Saturday School
- School-assessed or school-administered probation
- Temporary confiscation of items that are prohibited or that disrupt the educational process
- Verbal correction
- Withdrawal or probation of privileges, such as participation in extracurricular activities and eligibility for seeking and holding honorary offices, and/or membership in school-sponsored clubs or organizations

### **Level III Offenses**

1. Abusing a prescription drug, giving a prescription drug to another student, or possessing or being under the influence of another person's prescription drug on school property or at a school-related event
2. Any of the following offenses, no matter when or where the offense takes place:

- a. Conduct involving a public school that contains the elements of the offense of false alarm or report under Section 42.06, Penal Code, or terroristic threat under Section 22.07, Penal Code
  - b. Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of assault under Section 22.01(a)(1), Penal Code
  - ~~e. Selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing or using or being under the influence of (1) marijuana or a controlled substance, as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, or by 21 U.S.C. Section 801 et seq. or (2) a dangerous drug, as defined by Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code~~
  - ~~e.c.~~ Selling, giving, or delivering to another person an alcoholic beverage, as defined by Section 1.04, Alcoholic Beverage Code; committing a serious act or offense while under the influence of alcohol; or possessing, using, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage
  - ~~e.d.~~ Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to an abusable volatile chemical under Sections 485.031 through 485.034, Health and Safety Code
  - ~~f.c.~~ Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of public lewdness under Section 21.07, Penal Code, or indecent exposure under Section 21.08, Penal Code
  - ~~g.f.~~ Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of the offense of deadly conduct under Section 22.05, Penal Code
3. Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense under Section 22.01(a)(1), Penal Code, against a public school employee or a volunteer as defined by Education Code Section 22.053, in retaliation for or as a result of the person's employment or association with a public school, without regard to whether the conduct occurs on or off of school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off of school property
  4. Being a member of, pledging to become a member of, joining, or soliciting another person to join, or pledge to become a member of a public-school fraternity, sorority, or gang; or engaging in any gang activity
  5. Hazing, meaning any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off ILTexas property, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. Hazing includes but is not limited to:
    - a. any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity
    - b. any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student
    - c. any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student
    - d. any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subdivision

- e. any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that involves a violation of the Penal Code
- 6. Creation of or involvement with a hit list, meaning a list of people targeted to be harmed using a firearm; as defined by Section 46.01(3), Penal Code; a knife, as defined by Section 46.01(7), Penal Code; or any other object to be used with intent to cause bodily harm
- 7. Possessing a razor, box cutter, chain, or any other object which could be used in a threatening manner with intent to inflict bodily injury on a person
- 8. Possessing or selling the following:
  - a. a stun gun
  - b. ammunition
  - c. an air gun or BB gun (except as appropriately used by ILTexas' JROTC Program)
  - d. fireworks of any kind, smoke or stink bombs, or any other pyrotechnic device
- 9. Public lewdness
- 10. Conduct endangering the health and safety of others
- 11. Inappropriate or indecent exposure of a student's private body parts or lewd sexual behavior
- 12. Engaging in conduct that constitutes dating violence, including the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person with whom the student has or has had a dating relationship
- 13. Engaging in sexual conduct or conduct that constitutes sexual harassment, whether the conduct is by word, gesture, or any other sexual conduct, including requests for sexual favors directed toward another student or an ILTexas employee
- 14. Engaging in harassment motivated by race, color, religion, national origin, disability, gender, or age and directed toward another
- 15. Engaging in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual contact directed toward another student or a school employee
- 16. Recording, sending or posting electronic messages, pictures or video that are obscene, sexual in nature, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, promotes violence, or illegal
- 17. Harassment - threatening to cause harm or bodily injury to another student, engaging in sexually intimidating conduct, causing physical damage to the property of another student, subjecting another student to physical confinement or restraint, or maliciously taking any action that substantially harms another student's physical or emotional health or safety
- 18. Retaliation against any school employee or volunteer at any time or place
- 19. Selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing, using, or being under the influence of ~~marijuana, a controlled substance, simulated controlled substance,~~ paraphernalia, ~~dangerous drug, inhalants, or an~~ alcoholic beverage, or a simulated controlled substance
- 20. Setting or attempting to set fire on school property (not Arson)
- 21. Targeting another individual for bodily harm
- 22. Possessing pornographic material
- 23. Bullying and/or cyberbullying, including intimidation by name-calling, using ethnic or racial slurs, or making derogatory statements that could disrupt the school program or incite violence
- 24. Forgery of school documents at school or otherwise
- 25. Forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force or committing extortion, coercion, or blackmail (obtaining money or another object of value from an unwilling person)
- 26. Committing or assisting in a robbery or theft even if it does not constitute a felony



27. Vandalism of or conduct constituting criminal mischief with respect to school facilities or property
28. Engaging in conduct punishable as a Level III offense when the conduct occurs off school property and not at a school-sponsored or school-related event, and the conduct creates a substantial disruption to the educational environment in the reasonable judgment of ILTexas
29. Burglary of a motor vehicle
30. Repeated Level I and Level II offenses
31. Serious academic dishonesty or repeat violations of the ILTexas honor code, to include but not limited to cheating or copying the work of another student
32. Consensually engaging in fighting, boxing, wrestling, or other combative contact or causing another person to engage in the same by provocation or threat, when the resulting combative contact:
  - a. Seriously disrupts school operations;
  - b. Endangers the safety of nonparticipants; or
  - c. Results in physical injury requiring medical treatment

34. Repeated hair violations

35. Committing any of the following offenses Involving an Over-the-Counter Drug, Simulated Drug, or Simulated Contraband:

- a. Possessing or using (except when administered by a parent, guardian or School Nurse) or abusing, selling, or giving away an over-the-counter drug
- b. Passing off or attempting to pass off a look-alike drug or a substance or item resembling a drug dosage form or drug delivery device as an illegal drug or as contraband
- c. Selling, offering or giving away a substance or item which simulates or is advertised to simulate an effect of an illegal drug

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Disciplinary Consequences for Level III Offenses (not in order of progressive disciplinary measures):

- Any applicable Level I Disciplinary Consequence
- Any applicable Level II Disciplinary Consequence
- Out-of-school suspension for up to five days
- Discretionary Recommendation for Expulsion

**Level IV Offenses**

The following Level IV behaviors are prohibited:

1. Engaging in conduct punishable as a felony.
2. Conduct containing the elements of the offense of unlawfully carrying weapons under Section 46.02, Penal Code, or elements of an offense relating to prohibited weapons under Section 46.05, Penal Code
3. Aggravated assault under Section 22.02, Penal Code, sexual assault under Section 22.011, Penal Code, or aggravated sexual assault under Section 22.021, Penal Code
4. Arson under Section 28.02, Penal Code
5. Murder under Section 19.02, Penal Code, capital murder under Section 19.03, Penal Code, or

- criminal attempt, under Section 15.01, Penal Code, to commit murder or capital murder
6. Indecency with a child under Section 21.11, Penal Code
  7. Aggravated kidnapping under Section 20.04, Penal Code
  8. Aggravated robbery under Section 29.03, Penal Code
  9. Manslaughter under Section 19.04, Penal Code
  10. Criminally negligent homicide under Section 19.05, Penal Code
  11. Sexual abuse of young child or children under Section 21.02, Penal Code
  12. Engaging in bullying that encourages a student to commit or attempt to commit suicide
  13. Possession, use, transfer or exhibition of a firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or any other weapon or object intended to be used as a weapon

14. Selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing or using or being under the influence of (1) marijuana or a controlled substance, as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, or by 21 U.S.C. Section 801 et seq. or (2) a dangerous drug, as defined by Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code, if the conduct is punishable as a felony
15. Selling, giving, or delivering to another person an alcoholic beverage, as defined by Section 1.04, Alcoholic Beverage Code; committing a serious act or offense while under the influence of alcohol; or possessing, using, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, if the conduct is punishable as a felony
16. Felony criminal mischief against school property, another student, or school staff (\$2,500 and up, as determined by ILTexas)
17. Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of any offense described in Level IV Offenses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, against any employee or volunteer in retaliation for or as a result of the person's employment or association with a public school, without regard to whether the conduct occurs on or off of school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off of school property
18. Engaging in conduct that contains the elements of any offense described in Level IV Offenses 2, 4, or 7 against another ILTexas student, without regard to whether the conduct occurs on or off of school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off of school property
19. Engaging in conduct punishable as Level IV expulsion offense when the conduct creates a substantial disruption to the educational environment
20. Failure to register as a sex offender when legally obligated to do so

21. The possession, distribution, or use of e-cigarettes, nicotine gum, and vape pens

22. Selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing or using or being under the influence of (1) marijuana or a controlled substance, as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, or by 21 U.S.C. Section 801 et seq. or (2) a dangerous drug, as defined by Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code, no matter when or where the offense takes place.

~~24.~~ 23. Selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing, using, or being under the influence of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug

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Disciplinary Consequences for Level IV Offenses:

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- Mandatory Recommendation for Expulsion (unless waived by parent)

HONOR CODE

*"I pledge to uphold the honor of the International Leadership of Texas Honor Code and that all the work bearing my name is my own."*

Our Honor Code:

- I will not lie, cheat, or steal nor tolerate those who do.
- I will serve others before self.
- I will be a servant leader.
- I will treat others with Respect and Dignity.
- I will be a Statesman in my advocacy of my ideals and beliefs.

Every student is expected to uphold the highest standards of honor with regard to academics, activities, and other related pursuits. By means of the Honor Code, students practice responsible leadership, accept personal responsibility, and develop strong character to create an atmosphere free from suspicion. Violation of the Honor Code includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, forgery, which are considered severe discipline problems and are subject to disciplinary action within the by-laws of the Honor Code. We believe that students can and must take responsibility for establishing and maintaining standards for their own behavior. At its core, the Honor Code is based on mutual respect and trust. It serves as a written model for what is expected from students. It also serves as a pledge to uphold the school's values while maintaining college preparation as the number one priority.

Taking responsibility for one's actions is vital to the maturity of each individual. The trust among all students in the school builds confidence in the overall school community and enables each student to be grounded in the leadership core values of COURAGE and INTEGRITY which guide the student's every decision.

Teachers may require students to write the full honor code on major assignments. Actions or attempted actions that run counter to these perceptions are violations to the honor code.

- A student's word is expected to be the complete truth; therefore, lying and forgery are violations of the honor code.
- A student's work is expected to be his/her own, unless properly credited; therefore, plagiarism and cheating are violations of the honor code.
- The property of others is to be respected; therefore, stealing – no matter how minor – is a violation of the honor code.

In situations that seem unclear, it is each student's responsibility to check with the teacher or principals regarding the honor code. Ignorance of the honor code will not be an excuse for a violation. Students who witness an honor code violation are strongly encouraged to report the action to the teacher who will notify the Campus Principal. Witnessing an honor code violation and reporting it constitutes honorable behavior and is an expectation for all students. Students may opt to report a violation through an anonymous referral. Working together, we can ALL create a community of learners that value hard work, creativity, and commitment to college success. It is crucial that every member of ILTexas community – students, parents, staff, and trustees – understands the importance of the International Leadership of Texas Honor Code and strives to maintain its integrity.

### **Academic Honesty**

The International Leadership of Texas Honor Code is based on the belief that true learning depends on honesty. The International Leadership of Texas community acts on the basis of mutual trust and respect between all members of the community. As a result, students are expected to demonstrate integrity and individual responsibility, both personally and academically, in order to maintain a fair and honest environment. Students who commit themselves to upholding the International Leadership of Texas Honor Code will be instilled with a sense of honor and integrity that will last beyond their high school years.

- **PLAGIARISM** is a form of dishonesty where a student presents the work of another as one's own. Plagiarism is the taking of ideas, writing, etc. from another and submitting them as one's own (Webster's New World Dictionary). It is important to acknowledge that plagiarism is not only the stealing of words but also of ideas. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:
  - Copying word for word and turning in as your own work information from books, magazines, essays, the Internet, etc.
  - Rewording or rewriting text and information from documents not originally written by you and turning it in as your own work without proper citation
  - Paraphrasing with minimal word changes (citing the source or not)
  - Borrowing ideas and patterns of thought without proper citation
  - Printing an essay from the Internet and turning it in as your own work
- **COLLABORATION/COLLUSION** on independent homework/assignments or tests will not be permitted unless permission has been secured from the teacher allowing for cooperative or group

work. Students are permitted to receive assistance or guidance from others, but the entirety of the work itself and the content must always be the student's own.

- **COPYING** and submitting the work of another or submitting work done by another is an act of academic dishonesty.
- **ALLOWING ANOTHER STUDENT** to copy one's work, quiz, test, or submit one's work, quiz, or test is an act of academic dishonesty.
- **CHEATING** is defined by Webster's dictionary as "dealing with dishonesty for one's own gain." Dishonesty promotes bad character and prevents students from gaining a full grasp of information presented to them. Cheating also prevents teachers from fully evaluating the progress of students and is a form of theft. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:
  - Using a "cheat sheet" or other unauthorized notes during a test or quiz
  - Looking at someone else's paper for an answer on a test or quiz and changing an answer
  - Having someone else do all or part of your homework or assignment for you
  - Failing to mark an answer wrong when self-grading
  - Telling others or asking others the content of an exam or quiz
  - Giving a student or using an old test without teacher permission
  - Looking at an exam prior to taking it without teacher permission
  - Copying someone else's homework or other assignment
  - Using old assignments written by you or someone else instead of creating new work
  - Using an online translator or other translation in place of your own
  - Copying material during an examination or quiz
  - Using unauthorized notes or devices
  - Submitting falsified information for grading purposes
  - Obtaining a copy of and/or information about an examination or quiz without the knowledge and consent of the teacher
  - Submitting a paper or project which is not the student's work
  - Impersonating a student to assist the student academically
  - Stealing or accepting stolen copies of tests or answer keys
  - Altering a teacher's grade book
  - Falsifying information for applications (i.e. college scholarships)
  - Using professional help such as an author, expert, or purchased service in violation of guidelines established by the teacher
  - Unlawfully copying computer software or data created by others
  - Any other violation intended to obtain credit for work which is not one's own

#### ACADEMIC CONSEQUENCES (IMMEDIATE)

If a student is suspected of plagiarism or any other form of academic dishonesty, the following procedure will be followed:

- The student's exam, test, quiz, or assignment will be confiscated by the teacher.
- The paper, exam, test, quiz, or assignment will be submitted to an Administrator for consideration.
- The student will be required to meet with the teacher and the Campus Principal for review of the student's work with consequences up to and including dismissal/expulsion from school, in accordance with the ILTexas Student Code of Conduct.

The following general procedures shall be applied:

### **First Offense**

In general, consequences for a first offense may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Meeting with the parent(s) followed by written notification to the parent of the academic integrity policy.

### **Additional Or More Serious Offenses**

Additional or more serious incidents of academic dishonesty or plagiarism shall be dealt with more severely. Consequences for any offense beyond the first or a more serious initial offense may include:

- Meeting with the parent(s); and
- One to three days of out of school suspension (up to five if referred for expulsion).
- Notification to the student's post-high school counselor and any faculty members writing a college/university letter of recommendation;
- No public recognition of the student at any senior honors function (if applicable);
- No distinguished scholar recognition (if applicable);
- No scholarship money granted to the student by International Leadership of Texas, or any other school affiliated organization; or
- A withdrawn failing grade from the class in which the additional offense occurred and placement in a restricted study hall after withdrawal from the course.

Furthermore, faculty members will have full access to any disciplinary records documenting academic dishonesty for the purpose of writing letters of recommendation.

### **Conferences, Hearings, And Appeals**

All students are entitled to conferences, hearings, and/or appeals of disciplinary matters as provided by state and federal law, and by school policy.

### **Process For Suspensions Lasting Up To Five Days**

In addition to the above list of Code of Conduct violations the Campus Principal has authority to suspend a student for a period of up to five school days (except that the student may be suspended for up to ten school days, with no more than five consecutive days being out of school, if student will be recommended for expulsion) for any or the following reasons:

1. The need to further investigate an incident or allegation;
2. A recommendation to expel the student; or
3. An emergency constituting endangerment to health or safety.

While suspended, students are not allowed to be on the campus, including at after school activities. The suspended days will be counted as unexcused absences. Students may receive credit for work missed during the period of suspension if the student makes up work missed during the period of suspension within the same number of days the student was absent. Students are expected to make up all assignments missed during the suspension and the student's grade will be based on the academic performance and merit of the student's work without regard to the reason of the student's absence due to suspension. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the Area Superintendent, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's Designee may continue the aforementioned suspension(s)

(ISS or OSS) during an expulsion process, if deemed reasonable by the Area Superintendent, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's Designee.

### **Prerequisites to Suspension**

Prior to suspending a student, the Campus Principal or designee must hold an informal conference with the student to:

1. Notify the student of the accusations against him/her;
2. Allow the student to relate his/her version of the incident; and
3. Determine whether the student's conduct warrants suspension.

### **Notification to Parents/Guardians**

If the Campus Principal or designee determines the student's conduct warrants suspension, the Campus Principal or designee will notify the student's parents that the student has been suspended before the student is sent home. At this time, the Campus Principal or designee will also notify the student's parents of the period of suspension, the grounds for suspension, and the time and place for a post-suspension conference with the Campus Administration.

### **Process For Out-Of-School Suspensions Over Five Days And Expulsion**

When the Campus Principal determines that a student's conduct warrants suspension for more than five days, or expulsion, the Campus Principal (or acting Principal) shall make a recommendation for disciplinary action to the Area Superintendent.

Prior to taking any long-term disciplinary action, the Campus Principal or designee will provide the student's parent(s) with written notice of:

1. The Principal's recommendation for the long-term disciplinary action,
2. The specific violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and
3. The reasons for the recommended long-term disciplinary action.

### **Emergency Placement**

If the Campus Principal reasonably believes that a student's behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with a teacher's ability to communicate effectively with students in a class, with the ability of a student's classmates to learn, or with the operation of ILTexas or a school-sponsored activity, the Campus Principal may order immediate removal of the student. The Campus Principal may impose immediate suspension if he/she reasonably believes such action is necessary to protect persons or property from imminent harm. At the time of such an emergency removal, the student will be given verbal notice of the reason for the action and appropriate hearings will be scheduled within a reasonable time after the emergency removal.

### **Level I Expulsion Hearing**

Administration shall designate a Hearing Officer to conduct a Level I Expulsion Hearing. The Hearing Officer shall provide the student's parent(s) with written notice of the Hearing, including the date (within five school days of the recommended disciplinary action), time, and location of the Hearing, and shall further state that, at the Hearing, the student:

1. may be present;
2. shall have an opportunity to present evidence;
3. shall be apprised and informed of the school's evidence and witnesses;



4. may be accompanied by his or her parent(s) or other adult, who can provide guidance to the parent or student, and who is not an employee of ILTexas; and
5. may be represented by an attorney.

ILTexas shall inform the student and the student's parent(s) of the time and place of the Hearing and shall hold the Hearing regardless of whether the student, the student's parents or another adult representing the student attends. The Hearing Officer may record the hearing using audio and/or video equipment. After the Hearing, the Hearing Officer has 48 hours to issues his/her written decision. The decision shall specify:

6. The length of the suspension or expulsion, if any;
7. When the expulsion is not permanent, the procedures for re-admittance to the school at the end of the expulsion period; and
8. The right to appeal the Hearing Officer's decision to Level II The notice shall also state that failure to request such an appeal within 7 calendar days constitutes a waiver of further rights in the matter.

#### **Level II Expulsion Hearing**

The request to appeal the Level I decision may be made to the Superintendent or to the Chief Executive Officer within 5 days from notice of the expulsion. Upon receipt of the request, Administration has seven days to schedule and conduct a Level II Expulsion Hearing. Administration will appoint a panel of three administrators (two of whom will be former school principals) to serve as a Hearing Panel for the Level II hearing and will provide written notice of the hearing date, time and location to the student and student's parents. The Level II Expulsion

Hearing may be recorded using audio and/or video equipment. At the Level II Hearing the student may

- may be present;
- shall have an opportunity to present evidence;
- shall be apprised and informed of the school's evidence and witnesses;
- may be accompanied by his or her parent(s) or other adult who can provide guidance to the parent or student and who is not an employee of ILTexas; and
- may be represented by an attorney.

The Panel will hear the testimony and review the evidence to make a decision to grant or deny the appeal and will provide their decision to the student and/or guardian within 48 hours after the hearing.

#### **Level III – Board Of Directors**

The student or his/her parent(s) may appeal the long-term suspension or expulsion decision to the Board of Directors and the General Counsel in writing within 48 hours of notification of the decision. If such an appeal is made, a quorum of the Board will consider the appeal at a regular or specially-called meeting in closed session as allowed by the Texas Open Meetings Act. The quorum of the Board will review the record of the expulsion hearing and may also hear a statement from the student or parent (or representative) and from the school administration. The Board may listen to the recording of the expulsion hearing to or at the appeal hearing. The Board will notify the student and his or her parent (or representative) of its decision within five calendar days of the hearing. The decision of the Board is final and may not be appealed.

Discipline consequences will not be deferred pending the outcome of an appeal of an expulsion to the Board.

### **Readmission After Withdrawal Or Expulsion**

A student who has been expelled from ILTexas may re-apply for admission and potentially gain re-enrollment subject to meeting each of the following criteria:

1. The student must have been enrolled in another school during the term of the expulsion from ILTexas.
2. The student must re-apply for admission to ILTexas and follow the same application process as all other applicants. A student who withdraws for any reason during the school year may re-enroll only if there are open seats available. If no seats are available, the student will be placed in the lottery process and/or added to the waiting list (see the Involuntary Withdrawal Section).
3. A vacancy must exist in the requested grade level and campus or, if the requested grade level is oversubscribed such that an admissions lottery is conducted, the student is selected for admission through the lottery process or otherwise on the waitlist.
4. Pursuant to the decision of the Hearing Officer, the student must submit a petition for readmission to the Campus Principal. This request must be in writing, and may be required to include copies of the student's complete discipline records from the public school(s) attended during the term of the expulsion from ILTexas.

During the consideration of the petition, the student and his or her parents may make a statement to support the request for re-admission. The student may also submit documentation consisting of recommendations from his or her current teacher(s), commentary from any counselor or school administrator with whom the student may have consulted having personal knowledge of the student and their education experience and conduct, and any other documentation pertinent to the application. The Principal may also consider comments from the Assistant Principal, Counselor, Grade Level Administrator for the requested campus of enrollment, or any other ILTexas Administrator.

After reviewing all relevant documentation, the Principal will decide on whether the student will be re-admitted to ILTexas. If the student is re-admitted, he or she may be admitted on a 120-day behavior contract recognizing that any violation of the Student Code of Conduct within that time period may result in expulsion without the possibility of readmission.

### **Students With Disabilities**

All disciplinary actions regarding students with disabilities (504 or special education under the IDEA) shall be conducted in accordance with current federal and state laws.

### **Suspension/Expulsion Requirement**

A student with a disability shall not be excluded from his or her current placement pending appeal for more than ten days without ARD Committee action to determine appropriate services in the interim and otherwise in accordance with applicable law. Pending appeal to a special education hearing officer, a student with a disability shall remain in the present educational setting, unless ILTexas and the parents agree otherwise.

### **Removal From School Transportation**

A student being transported by ILTexas transportation to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity may be removed from a school vehicle for conduct violating ILTexas' established standards for conduct in a school vehicle.

### **Gun-Free Schools Act**

In accordance with the Gun-Free Schools Act, ILTexas shall expel, from the student's regular program for a period of one year, any student who is determined to have brought a firearm, as defined by federal law, to school. The Superintendent or designee may modify the term of expulsion for a student or assess another comparable penalty that results in the student's expulsion from the regular school program on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with legal requirements.

For the purposes of this law, "firearm" means:

1. Any weapon – including a starter gun – which will, or is designed to, or which may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive from the frame or receiver of any such weapon;
2. Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer;
3. Any destructive device. "Destructive Device" means any explosive, incendiary or poison gas bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than 1/4 ounce, mine, or device similar to any of the preceding described devices. It also means any type of weapon – other than a shotgun shell or a shotgun that is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes – by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than 1/2 inch in diameter; and any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device as described, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

### **Glossary**

The glossary provides legal definitions and locally established definitions and is intended to assist in understanding terms related to the Code of Conduct.

**Abuse** is improper or excessive use.

**Abusable Volatile Chemical Offense**, as defined by Health and Safety Code § 485.001 and

485.031. No student shall inhale, ingest, apply, use, or possess an abusable volatile chemical with intent to inhale, ingest, apply or use any of these in a manner:

1. Contrary to the directions for use, cautions, or warnings appearing on a label of a container of the chemical; and
2. Designed to affect the central nervous system, create or induce a condition of intoxication, hallucination, or elation, or change, distort, or disturb the person's eyesight, thinking process, balance, or coordination.

No student shall knowingly deliver to a person younger than 18 an abusable volatile chemical. Health and Safety Code § 485.032

No student shall knowingly use or possess with intent to use inhalant paraphernalia to inhale, ingest, or otherwise introduce into the human body an abusable volatile chemical. No student shall knowingly deliver, sell, or possess with intent to deliver or sell inhalant paraphernalia knowing that

that person who receives it intends to use it to inhale, ingest, apply, use, or otherwise introduce into the human body an abusable volatile chemical. Health and Safety Code § 485.033

**Armor-Piercing Ammunition** is handgun ammunition used principally in pistols and revolvers and that is designed primarily for the purpose of penetrating metal or body armor.

**Arson** is defined by Texas Penal Code § 28.02 and occurs when a person starts a fire, regardless of whether the fire continues after ignition, or causes an explosion with intent to destroy or damage:

- Any vegetation, fence, or structure on open-space land; or
- Any building, habitation, or vehicle:
  - Knowing that it is within the limits of an incorporated city or town,
  - Knowing that it is insured against damage or destruction,
  - Knowing that it is subject to a mortgage or other security interest,
  - Knowing that it is located on property belonging to another,
  - Knowing that it has located within it property belonging to another, or
  - When the person starting the fire is reckless about whether the burning or explosion will endanger the life of some individual or the safety of the property of another.

Arson also occurs when a person:

- Recklessly starts a fire or causes an explosion while manufacturing or attempting to manufacture a controlled substance and the fire or explosion damages any building, habitation, or vehicle; or
- Intentionally starts a fire or causes an explosion and in so doing recklessly damages or destroys a building belonging to another, or recklessly causes another person to suffer bodily injury or death.

**Assault** is defined in part by Texas Penal Code § 22.01 as intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another.

**Bullying** is defined as a single significant act or a pattern of acts by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power and involves engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that (1) has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; (2) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student; (3) materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or the school; or infringes on the rights of the victim at school. Bullying also includes "cyberbullying," which means bullying that is done through the use of any electronic communication device including a cellular or other type of telephone, a computer, a camera, electronic mail, instant messaging, text messaging, a social media application, an Internet website, or any other Internet-based communication tool. Bullying conduct includes conduct (1) that occurs on or is delivered to School property or to the site of a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property; (2) that occurs on a publicly or privately owned school bus or vehicle being used for transportation of students to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity; and (3) cyberbullying that occurs off School property or outside of a school-sponsored or school-related activity if the cyberbullying (i) interferes with a student's educational opportunities or (ii) substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a classroom, the School, or a school-sponsored or school-related activity.

**Chemical Dispensing Device** is a device designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of dispensing a substance capable of causing an adverse psychological or physiological effect on a human being.

**Club** is an instrument specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death, including but not limited to a blackjack, nightstick, mace, (not the handheld, self-protection pepper spray dispenser) and tomahawk.

**Controlled Substances or Dangerous Drugs** include but are not limited to marijuana; any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine, barbiturate; anabolic steroid; or prescription medicine provided to any person other than the person for whom the prescription was written. The term also includes all controlled substances listed in Chapters 481 and 483 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

**Criminal Street Gang** means three or more persons having a common identifying sign or symbol or an identifiable leadership who continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activities.

**Dating Violence** is the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person with whom the student has or has had a dating relationship, as defined by Texas Family Code § 71.0021.

**Deadly Conduct** occurs when a person recklessly engages in conduct that places another in imminent danger of serious bodily injury and includes but is not limited to knowingly discharging a firearm in the direction of an individual, habitation, building, or vehicle.

**Deferred Adjudication** is an alternative to seeking a conviction in court that may be offered to a juvenile for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision.

**Deferred Prosecution** may be offered to a juvenile as an alternative to seeking a conviction in court for delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision.

**Delinquent Conduct** is conduct that:

- Violates either state or federal law, other than a traffic offense, and is punishable by imprisonment or confinement in jail;
- Violates a lawful order of a court under circumstances that would constitute contempt of that court in a justice or municipal court, or a county court for conduct punishable only by a fine;
- Constitutes an intoxication and alcoholic beverage offense under Chapter 49 of the Texas Penal Code; or
- Violates Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code § 106.041 relating to driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor (third or subsequent offense).

**Discretionary** means that something is left to or regulated by a local decision maker.

**E-Cigarette** means an electronic cigarette or any other device that simulates smoking by using a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit to deliver nicotine or other substances to the individual inhaling from the device. The term does not include a prescription medical device unrelated to the cessation of smoking.

**Explosive Weapon** is any explosive or incendiary bomb, grenade, rocket, or mine that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, or for the principal purpose of causing such a loud report as to cause undue public alarm or terror, and includes a device designed, made, or adapted for delivery or shooting an explosive weapon.

**False Alarm or Report** occurs when a person knowingly initiates, communicates, or circulates a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that he or she knows is false or baseless and that would ordinarily:

- Cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;
- Place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or
- Prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, or place of assembly.

**Fighting** is intentional engagement involving fisticuffs with two or more individuals.

**Firearm Silencer** means any device designed, made, or adapted to muffle the report of a firearm.

**Graffiti** means making marks with paint, an indelible pen or marker, or an etching or engraving device on tangible property without the effective consent of the owner. The markings may include inscriptions, slogans, drawings, or paintings.

**Harassment** is:

- Conduct that meets the definition established in Board policy and/or the Student Handbook; or
- Conduct that threatens to cause harm or bodily injury to another student, is sexually intimidating or obscene, causes physical damage to the property of another student, subjects another student to physical confinement or restraint, or maliciously and substantially harms another student's physical or emotional health or safety.

**Hazing** is an intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus, by one person alone or acting with others, that is directed against a student and endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, initiation into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization.

**Hit List** is a list of people targeted to be harmed, using a firearm, a knife, or any other object to be used with intent to cause bodily harm.

**Indecent Exposure** means exposing one's anus or genitals with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person while being reckless about whether another is present who will be offended or alarmed by the act.

**Intimate Visual Material** means visual material that depicts a person (a) with the person's intimate parts exposed; or (b) engaged in sexual conduct.

**Knuckles** means any instrument consisting of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and designed or adapted for inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles.

**Location-Restricted Knife** means a knife with a blade over five and one-half inches.

**Machine Gun** is any firearm that is capable of shooting more than two shots automatically, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

**Mandatory** means that something is obligatory or required because of an authority.

**Online Impersonation** occurs when a person, without obtaining the consent of another person and with the intent to harm, defraud, intimidate, or threaten any persons, uses the name or persona of another person to:

- Create a web page on a commercial social networking site or other Internet website; or

- Post or send one or more messages on or through a commercial social networking site or other Internet website, other than on or through an electronic mail program or message board program.

Online impersonation also occurs when a person sends an electronic mail, instant message, text message, or similar communication that reference a name, domain address, phone number, or other item of identifying information belonging to any person:

- Without obtaining the other person’s consent;
- With the intent to cause a recipient of the communication to reasonably believe that the other person authorized or transmitted the communication; and
- With the intent to harm or defraud any person.

**Paraphernalia** are devices that can be used for inhaling, ingesting, injecting, or otherwise introducing a controlled substance into a human body. It also includes equipment, products, or materials used or intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, or concealing a controlled substance.

**Pepper Spray Dispenser** is a handheld, self-protection chemical dispersant of pepper spray, including Mace.

**Possession** means to have an item on one’s person or in one’s personal property, including but not limited to clothing, purse, or backpack; a private vehicle used for transportation to or from school or school-related activities, including but not limited to an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or bicycle; or any other school property used by the student, including but not limited to a locker or desk.

**Prohibited Weapon** means an explosive weapon; a machine gun; a short-barrel firearm; a firearm silencer; knuckles; armor-piercing ammunition; a chemical dispensing device; a zip gun; or a tire deflation device.

**Public School Fraternity, Sorority, Secret Society, or Gang** means an organization composed wholly or in part of students that seeks to perpetuate itself by taking additional members from the students enrolled in school based on a decision of its membership rather than on the free choice of a qualified student.

**Reasonable Belief** is a determination made by the superintendent or designee using all available information, including the information furnished under Article 15.27 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

**Scuffling** is not pre-planned and involves pushing, shoving, hitting, kicking or something akin thereto.

**Self-defense** is the use of force against another to the degree a person reasonably believes the force is immediately necessary to protect himself or herself.

**Short-Barrel Firearm** is a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches, or any weapon made from a rifle or shotgun that, as altered, has an overall length of less than 26 inches.

**Switchblade Knife** is any knife with a blade that folds, closes, or retracts into the handle or sheath and that opens automatically by pressing a button or by the force of gravity or by the application of centrifugal force.

The term does not include a knife that has a spring, detent, or other mechanism designed to create a bias toward closure and that requires exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist, or arm to overcome the bias toward closure and open the knife.

**Terroristic Threat** is a threat of violence to any person or property with intent to:

- Cause a reaction of any type by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;
- Place any person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury;
- Prevent or interrupt the occupation or use of a building; room, place of assembly, or place to which the public has access; place of employment or occupation; aircraft, automobile, or other form of conveyance; or other public place;
- Cause impairment or interruption of public communications, public transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public service;
- Place the public or a substantial group of the public in fear of serious bodily injury; or
- Influence the conduct or activities of a branch or agency of the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state, or a public charter school (including ILTexas).

**Title 5 Offenses** are those that involve injury to a person and include murder; manslaughter; criminally negligent homicide; trafficking in persons; unlawful transport; kidnapping; assault (on a public servant); aggravated assault; sexual assault; aggravated sexual assault; unlawful restraint; indecency with a child; injury to a child, an elderly person, or a disabled person; abandoning or endangering a child; deadly conduct; terroristic threat; aiding a person to commit suicide; harassment of a public servant; improper photography; smuggling persons; and tampering with a consumer product.

**Under the Influence** means lacking the normal use of mental or physical faculties. Impairment of a person's physical or mental faculties may be evidenced by a pattern of abnormal or erratic behavior, the presence of physical symptoms of drug or alcohol use, or by admission. A student "under the influence" need not be legally intoxicated to trigger disciplinary action.

**Use** means voluntarily introducing into one's body, by any means, a prohibited substance.

**Vapor Product** means an electronic cigarette (E-cigarette) or any other device, including a vape pen, that uses a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit to deliver vapor that may include nicotine to the individual inhaling from the device, or any substance used to fill or refill the device.

**Zip Gun** is a device or combination of devices, not originally a firearm, but adapted to expel a projectile through a smooth-bore or rifled-bore barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance.

## HEADQUARTERS INFORMATION

### **Disaster And Fire Preparedness**

Each campus has an emergency preparedness plan in addition to posting evacuation routes in each classroom. Fire Drills, Lock Down Drills and Tornado Drills will be conducted regularly throughout the school year. Medical Emergency Drills for staff to include training on AED's will be conducted.

### **Pest Control Information**

ILTexas periodically applies pesticides inside school buildings and on school grounds. Except in an emergency, signs will be posted 24 hours before application. Students may not reenter a treated area inside a building or use an area on school grounds for at least 12 hours following application.