

MATRIX FOR STUDENT SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION RECOMMENDATION

(State Law: Applicable to School Principals)

| <p><b>Category I*</b><br/>Student Offenses with<br/><u>No</u> Principal Discretion (except as otherwise precluded by law)<br/>Principal <u>shall immediately</u> suspend and recommend expulsion for the following acts committed at school or at a <u>school activity off campus</u>.<br/>[EC 48915(c)]</p>   | <p><b>Category II*</b><br/>Student Offenses with<br/><u>Limited</u> Principal Discretion<br/>Principal <u>must</u> recommend expulsion for the following acts committed at school or at a school activity off campus <u>unless</u> the principal determines that the expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct. [EC 48915(a)(1)]</p>  | <p><b>Category III*</b><br/>Student Offenses with<br/><u>Broad</u> Principal Discretion<br/>Principal <u>may</u> recommend expulsion for the following acts when related to a school activity or school attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds; while going to or coming from school; during the lunch period; whether on or off the campus; or during, or while going to or coming from, a school-sponsored activity. [EC 48900(s), 48915(b) and (e)]</p>   |
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| <p>1. Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm. <b>EC 48915(c)(1); 48900(b)</b><br/>2. Brandishing a knife at another person. <b>EC 48915(c)(2); 48900(a)(1) and 48900(b)</b><br/>3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance. <b>EC 48915(c)(3); 48900(c)</b><br/>4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery [as defined in 48900(n)]. <b>EC 48915(c)(4); 48900(n)</b><br/>5. Possession of an explosive. <b>EC 48915(c)(5); 48900(b)</b></p> | <p>1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense. <b>EC 48915(a)(1)(A); 48900(a)(1), maybe also 48900(a)(2)</b><br/>2. Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil. <b>EC 48915(a)(1)(B); 48900(b)</b><br/>3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance (except for the first offense of no more than an ounce of marijuana, and over-the-counter and prescribed medication). <b>EC 48915(a)(1)(c); 48900(c)</b><br/>4. Robbery or extortion. <b>EC 48915(a)(1)(D); 48900(e)</b><br/>5. Assault or battery upon any school employee. <b>EC 48915(a)(1)(E); 48900(a)(1); and 48900(a)(2)</b></p> | <p>1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. (Unless, in the case of "caused," the injury is serious. [See Category II, 1]) <b>EC 48900(a)(1); 48915(b)</b><br/>2. Possession/Under the influence of marijuana (1<sup>st</sup> offense &lt;1 oz.) or controlled substance or alcohol or any intoxicant. <b>EC 48900(c); 48915(b)</b><br/>3. Sold, furnished, or offered a substitute substance represented as a controlled substance. <b>EC 48900(d); 48915(b)</b><br/>4. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property. <b>EC 48900(f); 48915(e)</b><br/>5. Stole or attempted to steal school or private property. <b>EC 48900(g); 48915(e)</b><br/>6. Possessed or used tobacco. <b>EC 48900(h); 48915(e)</b><br/>7. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity. <b>EC 48900(i); 48915(e)</b><br/>8. Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. <b>EC 48900(j); 48915(e)</b><br/>9. Knowingly received stolen school or private property. <b>EC 48900(l); 48915(e)</b><br/>10. Possessed an imitation firearm. <b>EC 48900(m); 48915(e)</b><br/>11. Engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils or school district personnel. <b>EC 48900.4**; 48915(e)</b><br/>12. Engaged in sexual harassment. <b>EC 48900.2**; 48915(e)</b><br/>13. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence. <b>EC 48900.3**; 48915(e)</b><br/>14. Made terrorist threats against school officials or school property, or both. <b>EC 48900.7; 48915(e)</b><br/>15. Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. <b>EC 48900(a)(2); 48915(b)</b><br/>16. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a disciplinary action. <b>EC 48900(o); 48915(e)</b><br/>17. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. <b>EC 48900(p); 48915(e)</b><br/>18. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. <b>EC 48900(q); 48915(e)</b><br/>19. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of electronic act directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel. <b>EC 48900(r); 48915(e)</b><br/>20. Aided or abetted the infliction of physical injury to another person (suspension only). <b>EC 48900(t); 48915(e)</b><br/>21. <b>Any behavior listed in Category I or II that is related to school attendance or school attendance but that did not occur on campus or at a school activity off campus. EC 48915(b)</b></p> |

\*For Categories II and III, the school must provide evidence of one or both of the following *additional findings*: (1) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct, (2) Due to the nature of the act, the student's presence causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

\*\*Grades 4 through 12 inclusive. \*\*\*See Discipline Responses/Discipline Guidelines (Under Downloadable Documents/Child Welfare and Attendance/Discipline/FUSD Discipline Guidelines) Appendix J