

Problem Behavior Definitions
Example

Minor Problem Behavior	Definition
Inappropriate language	Student engages in low intensity instance of inappropriate language (verbal or written) "Shut up, stupid." "You are a fat, ugly, stupid, idiot", etc.
Physical contact	Student engages in non-serious, but inappropriate physical contact Pushing, shoving, knocking into another, etc.
Defiance/disrespect	Student engages in brief or low-intensity failure to respond to adult requests/demonstrates low intensity disrespect towards others Student refuses to sit in seat, to begin work, to follow teacher directive after reminders, etc. Student tells an adult that he/she will not do what they say, that he/she will not clean up or help others, etc. Student damages another student's work or personal items
Property misuse	Student engages in low-intensity misuse of property Student writes on desk, tears up paper, breaks school supplies, etc.
Disruption	Student engages in low-intensity, but inappropriate disruption Student talks out or yells out in class or engages in actions that hinders classroom activity or process

Major Problem Behavior	Definition
Abusive language	Verbal messages that include swearing, name calling or use of words in an inappropriate way. “F-you B@%*”, “You are a *&%\$#”, etc.
Fighting/ physical aggression	Actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur (e.g., hitting, punching, hitting with an object, kicking, hair pulling, scratching, etc.).
Overt Defiance	Refusal to follow adult directions, talking back and/or social interactions that result an unsafe environment for student or others Says “No, I’m not and walks off.”, student refuses to come with class and walks elsewhere in the school, child stands on desk where others are sitting after being told to sit down, etc.
Harassment/Bullying	<p>Disrespectful messages include negative comments based on race, religion, gender, age, and/or national origin; sustained or intense verbal attacks based on ethnic origin, disabilities or other personal matters. You are a f-g—t!, I hate you, N-g-r. Sexual gestures, drawings, writing comments. Your momma is White Trash and so are you! Etc.</p> <p>Student delivers disrespectful messages (verbal or gestural) to another person that includes threats and intimidation, obscene gestures, pictures, or written notes. I’m going to kill you. You will die. I am going to beat you up after PE. Gang threats Etc.</p>
Vandalism	Student participates in an activity that results in substantial destruction or disfigurement of property. Computer damage, gang tagging of property, graffiti, breaking furniture, etc.

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Other	Problem behavior causing this referral is not listed above. Staff using this area will specify the problem behavior observed.