



## Overview

**Policy 5006: Suspension and Expulsion  
& Policy 5.8: Code of Student Conduct**

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# THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Pursuant to F.S. 1002.40, the Hope Scholarship Program was established to provide the parent of a public school student who was subjected to a specific incident an opportunity to transfer the student to another public school or to request a scholarship for the student to enroll in and attend an eligible private school.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, contingent upon available funds, and on a first come, first-served basis, a student enrolled in a Florida public school in kindergarten through grade 12 is eligible for a scholarship under this program if the student has been subjected to an incident of battery; harassment; hazing; bullying; kidnapping; physical attack; robbery; sexual offenses; sexual harassment; sexual assault; sexual battery; threat or intimidation; or fighting at school.



# Changes to False Reporting (Threats – Felony Level)

It is unlawful for any person to make a false report, with intent to deceive, mislead, or otherwise misinform any person, concerning the placing or planting of any bomb, dynamite, other deadly explosive, or weapon of mass destruction as defined in s. 790.166, or concerning the use of firearms in a violent manner against a person or persons.

Making, posting, transmitting, including internet/electronic transmission of a threat or false report, to conduct a bomb threat, mass shooting or an act of terrorism in writing or other record in any manner that would allow another person to view the threat, as defined by FS 790.161, 790.1615, 790.162, and 790.163, 790.164, 790.165, and 790.166 respectively, involving school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity, including:

- a. Threats to throw, project, place, or discharge a destructive device with intent to do bodily harm to any person or with intent to damage any property of any person.



# PROMISE Program Changes

- A student committing more than one misdemeanor must be referred to the threat assessment team, which includes law enforcement, to determine if the act should be reported to law enforcement (Alignment to F.S. 1006.13)
- Students committing one of the revised 10 PROMISE eligible incidents shall be referred to the PROMISE program (Alignment to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission Report, p.279, #1)
- Non-compliance with the PROMISE program requirements results in notification to the State Attorney's Office (Alignment to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission Report, p.279, #2)
- PROMISE incidents shall accrue through 12th grade with a maximum of three (3) referral assignments to the program (Alignment to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission Report, p.279, #3-4)
- PROMISE incidents are currently being reported to DJJ's Prevention Web System (Alignment to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission Report, p.279, #5)
- The PROMISE program is not intended to limit the discretion of law enforcement (Alignment to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission Report, p.279, #6)



# Highlighted Discipline Matrix Changes

- Increase in the number of incidents that qualify for possible or mandatory expulsion with continuing education services
- Incidents associated with potential threats require the convening of the threat assessment team to determine if the act shall be reported to law enforcement
- Use, possession, sale, and/or transmittal of e-cigarette, vapor devices and/or components of e-cigarettes, vapor devices or similar is now a new incident code requiring suspension and possible expulsion based upon the incident frequency
- Guidance on PROMISE eligible and SESIR level incidents are outlined on each school level's Discipline Matrix
- Consultation and referral to law enforcement is outlined in the Discipline Matrix



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