



### **Bullying and Violence Prevention Program Policy**

**Policy:** School principals will have the authority to call the appropriate law enforcement authorities if students are involved in a serious fight and recommend one of the following actions:

- The student will be disciplined;
- Release the student to a parent/legal guardian with the agreement that both will appear in Juvenile Court; or
- Arrest the student

All students involved in a fight at school will be subject to suspension or expulsion.

Students in grades 4 - 12 who are suspended for fighting or have a 2nd offense for Bullying must attend Bullying and Violence Prevention Program as determined by the school administrators.

Students are required to comply with the following:

- The student shall not be allowed to participate in any sports or extracurricular activities during the suspension period.
- The student must complete four (4) hours of community service scheduled and supervised by the administrator at the designated school site.
- The student along with the parent/legal guardian (**NO other children allowed**) will attend a conflict resolution class. Classes are held on two (2) Saturdays each month from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
  - Eastbank Location: Riverdale High School (240 Riverdale Dr.) – Please enter through the front entrance
  - Westbank Location: West Jefferson High School (2200 Eight St.) – Please enter through the Brown St. entrance
  - The student or parent/legal guardian will pay \$75.00 for the cost of the Violence Prevention Program.
    - School Cash On-Line App <https://JPSCHOOLS.schoolcashionline.com> (**processing fee will be applied**)
    - Cash or money orders will be accepted for payment on the day of the class
    - Failure to pay the full \$75.00 before the class does NOT prevent the student from attending the class &/or returning to school at the end of the suspension period. The unpaid balance will become a financial obligation on the student's record and will be adjusted as payment(s) are received.
  - **The student must attend the Violence Prevention Program in his/her full school uniform.**

**Failure to complete all components of the Violence Prevention Program may result in a re-suspension and/or a referral to Juvenile Court.**

#### **Covid-19 Guidelines:**

- Temperature checks must be performed prior to entry.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- The number of attendees and seating shall be arranged to follow the COVID-19 guidelines.