

Any student who is believed to be in breach of the discipline policy or is displaying continual offensive behaviour may be subject to actions under the discipline policy.

1. In this Policy, breach of discipline means:
  - 1.1. Conduct that impairs the reasonable freedom of any person (whether or not a student) to pursue his or her studies or work with NGC or on the premises leased by the school.
2. A student commits a breach of discipline if the student does any of the following:
  - 2.1. Assaults or threatens to assault a person.
  - 2.2. Engages in any offensive conduct or any unlawful activity or discusses past or planned unlawful activities during school hours.
  - 2.3. Removes, damages or uses any property of NG Central School without having permission from a member of staff.
  - 2.4. Obstructs a member of staff in the performance of the member's duties.
  - 2.5. Willfully disobeys or disregards an order or direction of a member of staff, including a direction regarding appropriate behaviour or safety.
  - 2.6. Commits or engages in any dishonest or unfair act in relation to an examination or other form of academic assessment.
  - 2.7. Discriminates against a person on the grounds of the person's age, race, sex, homosexuality, transgender, marital status, physical or intellectual disability, or religion.
  - 2.8. Incites hatred towards, serious contempt for, or severe ridicule of, a person or group of persons on the grounds of the age, race, sex, homosexuality, transgender, marital status, physical or intellectual disability, or religion of the person or members of the group.
3. Conduct does not cease to be a breach of discipline merely because it takes place elsewhere than on the premises of NG Central School.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, a breach of discipline may be committed by an act that involves:
  - 4.1. A communication in person or in writing or by phone or other electronic means, or
  - 4.2. A transaction using electronic, digital, mobile or other means of media.
5. For the purposes of this clause: **offensive conduct** includes any of the following:
  - 5.1. Spitting,
  - 5.2. Littering,

- 5.3. Using offensive language,
- 5.4. Being under the influence of alcohol,
- 5.5. Being under the influence of a drug (other than medication that has been prescribed by, and taken in accordance with the instructions of a registered medical practitioner).
- 6. **Unlawful activity** includes any of the following:
  - 6.1. Using, possessing or supplying any prohibited drug, substance or weapon.
  - 6.2. Stealing the property of another person.
- 7. A member of staff who believes that a student has committed a breach of discipline:
  - 7.1. Must, as soon as practicable, report the alleged breach to a Teacher, the Deputy Principal, Program Manager or Principal, and
  - 7.2. May suspend the student from attendance at the school for the remainder of the day on which the alleged breach occurred, or until a decision can be made regarding the consequences of the breach.

Without a considerable breach of acceptable behaviour a student cannot be expelled from the school unless they have been firstly suspended. NGC believes in allowing students the opportunity to learn from their mistakes. Should a student persist in breaching the guidelines of the school they will progress through various levels before reaching expulsion.

We also believe in finding innovative and flexible ways of assisting our students make any appropriate changes in their behaviour or attitude. Other strategies used include a restorative session, community services on our grounds, change in timetable, exclusion from certain classes or activities, mediation, referral to support services (such as the Cannabis Clinic) etc.

See also Behaviour Guidance and Support Handbook and the Behaviour Flowchart inserted into NGC's Behaviour Guidance Policy.