

SWIS 5.0 Behavioral Definitions

The office referral categories available in SWIS™ are listed with specific definitions for problem behaviors, locations, possible motivation, others involved and administrative decisions. All categories listed in the referral form definitions are available for SWIS™ referral entries.

SWIS™ Office Referral Definitions

Minor Problem Behavior	Definition	Observed Behavior in Distance Learning
Defiance/ Insubordination/ Non-Compliance (M-Defiance)	Student engages in brief or low-intensity failure to follow directions or talks back.	Student does not respond when called upon (more than one occasion)
Disrespect (M-Disrespect)	Student delivers low-intensity, socially rude or dismissive messages to adults or students.	Non-academic/off task/inappropriate conversations in chat box
Disruption (M-Disruption)	Student engages in low-intensity, but inappropriate disruption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Unnecessary, off-topic chat •Spamming chat channels with dozens of messages •Unmuting and saying something inappropriate
Dress Code Violation (M-Dress)	Student wears clothing that is near, but not within, the dress code guidelines defined by the school/district.	shirts off (M) low rise shirts (F) clothing with profanity/inappropriateness
Inappropriate Language (M-Inappropriate Language)	Student engages in low-intensity instance of inappropriate language.	Low-level inappropriate language in chat or video
Other (M-Other)	Student engages in any other minor problem behaviors that do not fall within the above categories.	eating, playing games, cell phone use, in bed
Physical Contact/ Physical Aggression (M-Contact)	Student engages in non-serious, but inappropriate physical contact.	N/A
Property Misuse (M-Property Misuse)	Student engages in low-intensity misuse of property.	N/A
Tardy (M-Tardy)	Student arrives at class after the bell (or signal that class has started).	Logging on extremely late and/or not answering during attendance call
Technology Violation (M-Tech)	Student engages in non-serious, but inappropriate (as defined by school) use of cell phone, pager, music/video players, camera, and/or computer.	eating, playing games, cell phone use, in bed

Major Problem Behavior	Definition	Observed Behavior in Distance Learning
Abusive Language/ Inappropriate Language/ Profanity (Inappropriate Language)	Student delivers verbal messages that includes swearing, name calling, or use of words in an inappropriate way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Obscene language in chat or voice •Obscene physical gestures •Obscene images on camera
Arson (Arson)	Student plans and/or participates in malicious burning of property.	N/A
Bomb Threat/ False Alarm (Bomb)	Student delivers a message of possible explosive materials being on-campus, near campus, and/or pending explosion.	N/A
Bullying (Bullying)	The delivery of direct or technology-based messages that involve intimidation, teasing, taunting, threats, or name calling.	•Repeated teasing or taunting in chat or video
Defiance/ Insubordination/ Non-Compliance (Defiance)	Student engages in refusal to follow directions or talks back.	Student engages in refusal to follow directions and/or logs off
Disrespect (Disrespect)	Student delivers socially rude or dismissive messages to adults or students.	inappropriate conduct in chat box
Disruption (Disruption)	Student engages in behavior causing an interruption in a class or activity. Disruption includes sustained loud talk, yelling, or screaming; noise with materials; horseplay or roughhousing; and/or sustained out-of-seat behavior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Repeated distracting gestures, distracting virtual backgrounds, •Persistent yelling out when supposed to be muted •Continual chat that bothers others
Dress Code Violation (Dress)	Student wears clothing that does not fit within the dress code guidelines practiced by the school/district.	Shirts off, midriff/low-rise shirts
Fighting (Fight)	Student is involved in mutual participation in an incident involving physical violence.	disputes in the chat box
Forgery/ Theft/Plagiarism (Theft)	Student is involved by being in possession of, having passed on, or being responsible for removing someone else's property; or the student has signed a person's name without that person's permission, or claims someone else's work as their own.	Plagiarism, turning in duplicated assignments copying/pasting from websites

Gang Affiliation Display (Gang Display)	Student uses gesture, dress, and/or speech to display affiliation with a gang.	N/A
Harassment (Harass)	The delivery of disrespectful messages in any format related to gender, ethnicity, sex, race, religion, disability, physical features, or other protected class.	N/A
Inappropriate Display of Affection (Inapp affection)	Student engages in inappropriate, consensual (as defined by school) verbal and/or physical gestures/contact, of a sexual nature to another student/adult.	N/A
Inappropriate Location/ Out of Bounds Area (Out Bounds)	Student is in an area that is outside of school boundaries (as defined by school).	N/A
Lying/Cheating (Lying)	Student delivers message that is untrue and/or deliberately violates rules.	-student tells parent/guardian that there's no class/task at the moment, currently on "free time" -student expressed parent has given them chores
Other Behavior (Other)	Student engages in problem behavior not listed.	student taking on other roles in the home
Physical Aggression (PAgg)	Student engages in actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur (e.g., hitting, punching, hitting with an object, kicking, hair pulling, scratching, etc.).	N/A
Property Damage/Vandalism (Prop dam)	Student participates in an activity that results in destruction or disfigurement of property.	N/A
Skip class (Skip)	Student leaves or misses class without permission.	Skips online instructional session (not due to technology or access problem)
Tardy (Tardy)	Student is late (as defined by the school) to class or the start-up of the school day (and Tardy is not considered a minor problem behavior in the school).	M (late more than 30 min) as defined by Attendance
Technology Violation (Tech)	Student engages in inappropriate (as defined by school) use of cell phone, pager, music/video players, camera, and/or computer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Unauthorized use of another device (cell phone, gaming device) during instruction •Joining an online meeting that isn't yours •Surfing to inappropriate sites

Truancy (Truancy)	Student receives an 'unexcused absence' for ½ day or more.	students absent daily, and not communicating through email and/or any other form
Use/Possession of Alcohol (Alcohol)	Student is in possession of or is using alcohol.	N/A
Use/Possession of Combustibles (Combust)	Student is/was in possession of substances/objects readily capable of causing bodily harm and/or property damage (matches, lighters, firecrackers, gasoline, lighter fluid).	N/A
Use/Possession of Drugs (Drugs)	Student is in possession of or is using illegal drugs/substances or imitations.	N/A
Use/Possession of Tobacco (Tobacco)	Student is in possession of or is using tobacco.	N/A
Use/Possession of Weapons (Weapons)	Student is in possession of knives (> 6 in., < 6 in.) and guns (real or look alike), or other objects readily capable of causing bodily harm.	N/A