



Excerpt from Portland Public School's "Guideto Policies, Rules, and Procedures on Student Responsibilities Rights, and Discipline"

Protection of Property

Examples of conduct which violates expectations and definitions:

**ARSON:** Action which may cause a fire, but none results, such as throwing a lighted match in a trash container which fails to ignite, or intentionally starting any fire or combustion on school property regardless of whether any damage occurs.

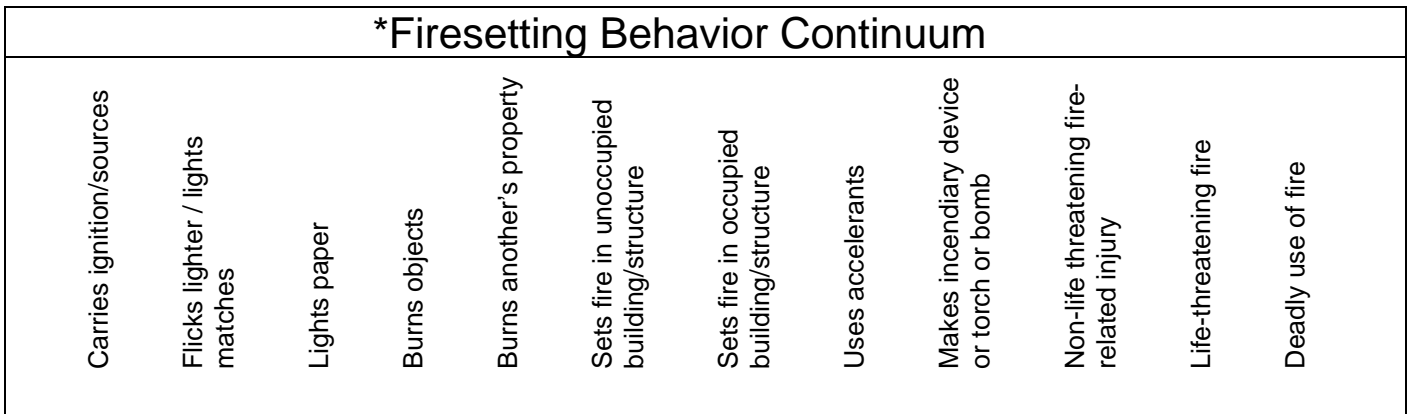
**FALSE ALARM:** Reporting a fire to school or fire officials or setting off a fire alarm without a reasonable belief that a fire exists.

Occurrence and Disciplinary Action from min max:

Minor/First: Level 3: Suspension/Temporary Exclusion/Reassignment/Referral  
 Level 4: Expulsion/Delayed Expulsion/Reassignment/Referral

Serious/Rep: Level 4: Expulsion/Delayed Expulsion/Reassignment/Referral (for False Alarm)  
 Level 5: Mandatory Expulsion (for Arson)

Not all fires set by students result in a fire that requires an evacuation of the student body. Many firesetting behaviors are at risk behaviors requiring intervention. These behaviors are red flags for more serious behaviors and should be taken seriously.



\* Firesetting Behavior Continuum included in the Juvenile Keizer School District

Firesetter Threat Response System developed by Salem

## Checklist for Responding to Youth-set Fires in Schools

- Upon discovery of ANY school fire, IMMEDIATELY call 911 and explain the situation. Dispatch will notify Portland Fire & Rescue to determine an appropriate response. Responding firefighters will initiate a fire investigator response if the fire cause is undetermined or intentional. If the event is determined to be criminal in nature, arson detectives will also respond.
- Contact school resource officer and inform him/her of the fire incident.
- After the building is deemed safe, take photos of the fire scene for documentation. All fire damage and related items should be considered part of a fire scene. NOTHING should be disturbed, altered, or cleaned up until cleared to do so by a fire investigator for documentation.