

GOALS

The goals of the Student Code of Conduct are:

1. To guarantee the rights of all staff and students by providing a discipline code that establishes rules and regulations prohibiting speech or action that is disruptive to the work of the school.
2. To guarantee the rights of each individual through fair and reasonable treatment of violators of the Code of Conduct.
3. To teach self-discipline by clearly communicating to students their rights and responsibilities as outlined in the discipline code.
4. To respect the rights and personal dignity of all students and staff by providing a discipline plan that will ensure a safe school environment.
5. To protect and maintain school property.
6. To ensure all students the right to complete the course of study prescribed by state and local school authorities.
7. To reduce the occurrence of discipline problems through supportive measures by providing:

- An atmosphere within the school of mutual respect and productive interdependence.
- Instructional Support Programs to address issues of children at risk, socially, emotionally or academically.
- Diagnostic and prescriptive learning activities to address the unique abilities and interests of students.
- Referrals to appropriate personnel for counseling, examination and such other services as may be necessary.

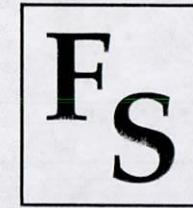
STUDENTS' RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the **RIGHT** of each district student:

1. To have a safe, healthy, orderly and courteous school environment.
2. To take part in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of race, sex, religion, national origin, or handicapping condition.
3. To attend school and participate in school programs unless suspended from instruction and participation for legally sufficient cause as determined in accordance with due process of law.
4. To have school rules and conditions available for review and, whenever necessary, explanation by school personnel.
5. To be suspended from instruction only after his/her rights pursuant to Education Law 3214 have been observed.
6. In all disciplinary matters, to have the opportunity to present his/her version of the facts and circumstances leading to imposition of disciplinary sanctions to the professional staff member imposing such sanction.

It shall be the **RESPONSIBILITY** of each district student:

1. To be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct.
2. To work to the best of his/her ability in all academic pursuits and strive toward the highest level of achievement possible.
3. To seek help in solving problems that might lead to discipline procedures.
4. To be in regular attendance at school and in class.
5. To contribute to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to learning and to show respect to other persons and to property.
6. To dress in accordance with standards promulgated by the Board and the Superintendent.
7. To make constructive contributions to the school, and to report fairly the circumstances of school-related issues.



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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT



The Board of Education's goal is to provide an environment in which a student's rights and freedoms are respected. The Board therefore assures district students that they shall have all the rights afforded them by federal and state constitutions, statutes and regulations. The Board also recognizes all federal, state and local laws in connection with these rights, and reminds students that certain responsibilities accompany these rights.

EXPECTATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

1. All students are required to attend school regularly, and to be on time everyday.
2. All students are expected to come to class prepared with necessary supplies and materials.
3. All students are expected to do their assignments (written and oral) in the classroom.
4. All students are expected to complete homework assignments on time.
5. All students are expected to treat others (staff, parents and students) with respect and courtesy.
6. All students are expected to manage their own behavior.
7. All students are expected to use appropriate language.

LEVEL I BEHAVIORS:

Students will not:

- Interfere with the education of another student.
- Disrupt the orderly operation of a classroom or an activity.
- Exhibit disruptive behavior.
- Speak in a way to tease, hurt or harass others
- Disobey adult directions.
- Arrive late to school without being accompanied by a parent or bringing a written excuse.
- Dress in a manner that interferes with the educational process or causes disruption.
- Use inappropriate language.
- Have any medications (prescription or non-prescription) in their possession.

CONSEQUENCES OF LEVEL I MISBEHAVIORS:

- Teacher warning or reprimand
- Loss of privileges or participation in extra-curricular activities
- Teacher detention
- Parent notification
- Parent conference
- Administrative warning or reprimand
- Behavior contract

LEVEL II BEHAVIORS:

Students will not:

- Act in a disrespectful or defiant manner toward any school personnel.
- Lie, cheat, destroy the work of others, or commit forgery.
- Leave a classroom or the school without the permission of a staff member.
- Engage in fighting or other violent behavior.
- Commit theft of school property or personal property.
- Act in a way that endangers themselves or others.
- Use profanity; obscene or abusive language; racial, ethnic, religious or sexually derogatory terms; or obscene gestures.
- Repeatedly violate Level I behaviors.

CONSEQUENCES OF LEVEL II MISBEHAVIORS:

- Parent notification and conference
- Suspension from school for up to five days
- Behavior contract

LEVEL III BEHAVIORS:

Students will not:

- Threaten or strike a staff member or student.
- Endanger the safety of others (bomb threat, illegal telephone calls, unauthorized use of fire alarms.)
- Cause significant vandalism to school or personal property
- Possess or use controlled or illegal substances on school grounds.
- Possess or use any weapon on school grounds.
- Perform or attempt to perform arson.
- Exhibit lewd or indecent behavior.
- Commit aggravated assault, which causes injury to another.

CONSEQUENCES OF LEVEL III MISBEHAVIORS:

Parent notification, parent conference and a five-day suspension from school will occur.

Also, one or more of the following may occur:

- Loss of privileges
- Referral to law enforcement authorities
- Extended suspension from school and activities