

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

A major component of the educational program (at the school) is to prepare students to become responsible citizens by learning how to conduct themselves properly and in accordance with established standards. Students are expected to behave in accordance with federal, state and local laws and rules and Board policies and Administrative Guidelines, and in a way that respects the rights and safety of others. Staff will take corrective action to discipline a student and/or to modify the student's behavior when a student's behavior does not fall within these parameters. School staff may report suspected criminal misconduct by a student to law enforcement. Law enforcement officers will be permitted to carry out necessary law enforcement functions in the schools, including the removal of a student from school grounds in appropriate circumstances.

Expected Behaviors

Students are expected to:

1. act courteously to adults and fellow students;
2. be prompt to school and attentive in class;
3. work cooperatively with others when involved in accomplishing a common goal regardless of the other's ability, gender, race, or ethnic background;
4. complete assigned tasks on time and as directed;
5. help maintain a school environment that is safe, friendly, and productive;
6. act at all times in a manner that reflects pride in self, family, and in the School.

Classroom Environment

It is the responsibility of students, teachers, and administrators to maintain a classroom environment that allows:

1. a teacher to communicate effectively with all students in the class; and
2. all students in the class the opportunity to learn.

Rule 1 - Disruption of School:

A student shall not use violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or any other conduct to cause the disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process or function of the school. Neither should a student urge other students to engage in such conduct.

Rule 2 - Damage, Destruction or Theft of School Property:

A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to public property or steal or attempt to steal public property either on school grounds or during a school activity, function, or event off school grounds.

Rule 3 - Verbal Assault:

A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or dangerous object. A student shall not direct verbal or written words, phrases or gestures which are threatening, vulgar, obscene, or degrading while on or off school grounds or at any school activity, function or event.

Rule 4 - Physical Assault

Acting with intent to cause fear in another person of immediate bodily harm or death, or intentionally bullying, inflicting or attempting to inflict bodily harm upon another person. Physical assault of a staff member, student, or other person associated with the district, regardless of whether it causes injury, will not be tolerated. Any intentional, harmful or potentially harmful physical contact or bullying initiated by a student against a staff member will be considered to be assault. Assault may result in criminal charges and may subject the student to expulsion.

Rule 5 - Misconduct off school grounds:

Students may be subject to discipline for their misconduct even when it occurs off school property when the misconduct is connected to activities or incidents that occurred on property owned or controlled by the district. Misconduct is defined as any violation of the Student Discipline Code.

Rule 6 - Inappropriate Materials:

Possession of material that is offensive to accepted standards and is inappropriate to a school is prohibited. Vulgar, inappropriate, profane and offensive words, gestures, actions, are prohibited. Students shall not possess pornographic matter or commit sexual acts on school property.

Rule 7 - Failure to Follow Reasonable Requests:

A student is expected to comply with directives school personnel or other authorized personnel during any period of time when he/she is under the authority of school personnel.

Rule 8 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments:

A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or dangerous object.

Rule 9 - Knowledge of Drugs, Dangerous Weapons or Threats of Violence:

Because the Board believes that students, staff members, and visitors are entitled to function in a safe school environment, students are required to report knowledge of drugs, dangerous weapons or threats of violence to the Principal. Failure to report such knowledge may subject the student to discipline.

Rule 10 - Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, and Drugs

- A student shall not possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, and amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, inhalant, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant, mood altering chemical, controlled substance, or look alike of any kind. Paraphernalia used to administer substance abuse is prohibited.
- Use of a drug authorized by a registered physician to that individual may not be a violation of this rule: however, physician prescribed medications must be delivered immediately to the health clinic and will be dispensed by the school nurse or designee. The [school medication permit](#) must also be completed and submitted to the health clinic.

- Students may use over-the-counter medications at school with written permission of the parent and physician. Such written permission will be kept on file in the clinic. No person may sell, give, deliver or offer any such over-the-counter or prescription drugs to any other person at school or school events.

Rule 11 - Gambling:

Gambling by students on school property is prohibited.

Rule 12 - Displays of affection/sexual activities:

Affection between students is personal and not meant for public display. This includes touching, petting, or any other contact that may be considered sexual in nature. Sexual activity of any nature is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

Rule 13 - Use or Possession Tobacco Products, Electronic Smoking Devices, Look alikes, and/or Matches/Lighters:

Students shall not possess or use tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, look alike products or smoking paraphernalia on school grounds or at any school events at any time.

Rule 14 - Cheating:

Students shall not transfer or participate in the unauthorized transfer of any information that would impact student evaluations. Students shall not participate in plagiarism.

Rule 15 - Dress and Appearance:

- Dress and grooming should be neat, clean, and appropriate. It should not constitute a safety or health hazard or be such that it might hamper the educational process.
- Students' clothing shall thoroughly conceal all undergarments.
- Clothing must cover the torso, including the back (both upper and lower), midriff, sides, and chest. Sleeveless shirts shall be permitted, but the fabric between neck and shoulder must be at least as wide as a dollar bill and the arm holes must be small enough that the wearer's sides are covered. The upper leg must be fully covered as well, at least to the length of the wearer's thumbs when standing erect with arms straight down at the sides.
- Students' heads must be uncovered and eyes unconcealed.
- Any clothing or jewelry deemed disruptive, unsafe, or items/clothing with drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, profanity or sexually related, or otherwise disruptive symbols are not permitted.

Rule 16 - Harassment and/or Aggressive Behavior (including Bullying/Cyberbullying):

The Board encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between members of the school community.

Harassment and/or aggressive behavior (including bullying/cyberbullying) toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. The law defines harassment, intimidation or bullying as any intentional written or verbal, electronic or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both:

- Causes mental or physical harm, and
- Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.
- Bullying can be reported anonymously: [Online Reporting](#)

Rule 17 - Lying:

A student shall not lie, tell falsehoods, accuse others falsely, or give false testimony to school personnel.

Rule 18 - Extortion, Bribery, Forgery:

A student shall not take or attempt to take money or valuable possessions from another person by physical force or the threat of physical force. A student shall not offer money or favors to any person for his or her personal gain. A student shall not falsely use in writing the name of another person or falsify times, grades, dates, addresses, or other data on school forms or correspondence directed to the school.

Rule 19 - Trespassing:

Although schools are public facilities, the law allows the Board to restrict access to school property. Being present in any Board-owned facility or portion of a Board-owned facility when it is closed to the public or when the student does not have the authorization to be there, or unauthorized presence in a Board-owned vehicle; or unauthorized access or activity in a Board-owned computer, into district, school or staff computer files, into a school or district file server, or into the Network. When a student has been removed, suspended, expelled, or permanently excluded from school, the student is prohibited from being present on school property without authorization of the principal.

Rule 20 - Attendance:

Students should report to school on time, and be in the areas indicated by their schedule.

Rule 21 - Other Policies and Procedures:

Students shall adhere to other policies and procedures as stated in this handbook. Repeated minor violations of policies and procedures in the discipline code of conduct will be considered a major violation and will result in a suspension. Violations of federal, state and local laws may also result in disciplinary action.