

STUDENT CONDUCT

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General

Democracy is a complex form of self-government which works well only under certain special conditions. The most important requirement is for an enlightened electorate with a high sense of commitment, self-control, and duty toward the large community. Democracy relies on the self-control of the individual to maintain order, not on huge armies or police forces. For democracy to work, there must be a strong, voluntary respect for duly constituted authority and order, and a healthy regard for the rights of others. Without these built-in controls, lawlessness and intolerance eventually force the adoption of a more authoritarian form of rule simply to maintain order.

The Board of Education expects all students through their words and actions to conduct themselves at all times with restraint, self-discipline, and respect for themselves and others.

Goal

The goal of this policy is to have each individual demonstrate responsible self-control.

Standards

These standards are to be followed and encouraged by all in order that a positive attitude and respect for the rights of others shall result and self-discipline shall be demonstrated by the individual.

1. Conduct shall contribute to the accomplishment of the goals of the total school community.
2. The individual rights of others shall be recognized and respected.
3. Authority and experience shall be recognized and respected.
4. Behavior shall embody a respect and tolerance for others but shall not require tolerance of behavior which is disruptive or contrary to rules or law.
5. High ethical standards shall be practiced and encouraged by all.
6. The dignity and worth of each individual shall be recognized.
7. Each individual is responsible for his/her actions unless the student's behavior is a direct manifestation of his/her handicapping condition as determined by an Individualized Education Planning Team.

The aforementioned standards shall be the expectations for all student conduct and applied to all individuals and to all group situations, including but not limited to assemblies, classrooms, school buses, field trips, social functions, spectator events, cafeterias, meetings, and halls.

These standards shall be reflected in procedures and the curriculum. Failure to follow these standards shall result in disciplinary actions.

The administration and staff, with the involvement of students and parents, will develop appropriate discipline codes in support of this policy.

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