

CODE OF CONDUCT

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INTRODUCTION

Annapolis High School is dedicated to the development of each student's potential for learning in a positive environment. Schools must, therefore, be free from disruptions, which interfere with teaching and learning activities. Students, parents, and school staff must assume a responsible role in promoting behavior that encourages learning and the development of individual potential.

A WORD TO STUDENTS

You forfeit your chance for life at its fullest when you withhold your best effort in learning. When you give only the minimum to learning, you receive only the minimum in return. Even with your parents' best example and your teachers' best efforts, in the end it is your work that determines how much and how well you learn. When you work to your full capacity, you can hope to attain the knowledge and skills that will enable you to create your future and control your destiny. If you do not, you will have your future thrust upon you by others. Take hold of your life, apply your gifts and talents, and work with dedication and self-discipline. Have high expectations for yourself, and convert every challenge into an opportunity.

The Code of Student Conduct is in effect:

1. While students go to and from school.
2. On school property at any time.
3. At all school sponsored or approved events or activities.
4. On a bus for any purpose.
5. With respect to any misconduct toward any school employee or damage to his/her property, whether on or off school premises.

The school district has an obligation to all students and their parents to provide a safe and orderly school environment that will enable the individual to progress at a rate commensurate with his/her own ability.

The rights of an individual must always be carefully considered and individual expression is to be encouraged, but, when such expression interferes with the rights of others, appropriate steps must be taken.

Every effort is made to counsel students and parents so that measures such as suspension or expulsion will not be necessary. However, occasions do arise when it is felt that such action is in the best interest of all. The following rules are enforced on school property and within the radius of two blocks of school (unless otherwise noted) during school hours and during all school activities.

This list of behaviors is not exhaustive, and includes, but is not limited to those that are listed in the following pages. Any serious or repetitive act of misconduct may also be referred to the principal or assistant principal, the Dearborn Heights Police Department may also be notified and a police report may be filed.

Mandatory permanent expulsion includes arson, criminal sexual conduct (any degree), dangerous weapon, a physical assault of a school employee, contractor or volunteer.