

# Series 500 – Student Personnel

Policy Title: STUDENT CONDUCT

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All policies, rules and regulations of the Board of Directors and all administrative rules and regulations established in the school governing student conduct shall have a direct relationship to the welfare of students, employed personnel and the school.

During the first full week of school, students will be advised, either in writing or oral form, of the rules and regulations governing their conduct. A copy of the complete Board Policy manual will be made available for review upon request.

All policies, rules and regulations shall be applied equitably to all persons and in all situations to the extent possible.

Conferences with parents/guardians before suspending a student or before the student is readmitted may be provided for, or required by, the administration.

Students and their parents/guardians shall be presented with and be able to review explicit written facts and be able to interview sources in all suspension cases (if the facts and sources are within the control of the school).

School discipline is the guidance of the conduct of students in a way which permits the orderly and efficient operation of the school, i.e., the maintenance of a learning environment with physical and rational order to achieve maximum educational benefits for all pupils.

Areas of control for which school officials have authority include:

1. School district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district
2. School owned and operated school buses or on chartered buses
3. Related school activities
4. Conduct away from the school grounds if it directly affects the good order, efficiency, management and welfare of the school.

Breach of discipline is any conduct of a student which interferes with the maintenance of a good learning environment in the school. Acts of behavior which tend to conflict with the educational program or which are antagonistic to the welfare of other students and school personnel cannot be tolerated. Breach of discipline includes but is not limited to:

1. Emotional displays which disrupt a class, school activity or orderly passage in corridors
2. Physical and/or mental abuse of students and school personnel
3. Open defiance or willful disobedience involving refusal to conform to the rules and regulations; profane or obscene language; loud and boisterous conduct which disturbs the

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orderly, efficient and disciplined environment and operation of the school; refusal to comply with the request or direction of teachers, administrators, and other school personnel; or similar actions

4. Physical attack on or threats of physical attack or physical violence or threats of physical violence to students or school personnel
5. Personal misbehavior such as extortion, intimidation, or possession of weapons or other dangerous objects
6. Display of racial or ethnic bigotry or intolerance
7. Willful giving of false information
8. The taking of the property of another
9. Defacing or destruction of any building or fixture, including the willful writing, making marks, drawing characters, etc. on walls, furniture and fixtures
10. Smoking, chewing, or possession of tobacco or tobacco products
11. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages: The driver will normally be held responsible for alcoholic beverages found in vehicles that are parked on school grounds.
12. Possession, use or transmission of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia: It is also prohibited to be under the influence of any chemical compound, narcotic, hallucinogen, amphetamine, or other central nervous system stimulant, barbiturate or other sedative, hypnotic, mind-altering drug, marijuana, cocaine, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.

Students who violate the above sections at the end of the school year may be penalized for their actions at the beginning of the subsequent school year. Seniors may be penalized prior to commencement exercises. The building administrator may recommend that the student and parents/guardians work with the Student Assistance Team in violation areas regarding tobacco, alcohol and substance abuse. The Student Assistance Team is comprised of school personnel and provides direction and guidance to students and parents/guardians.

When a student violates rules while riding on a bus, the bus driver will counsel the student about the rule violation.

1. If the student incurs a second rule violation, the bus driver will notify the child's building principal or designee, the transportation supervisor or designee and the parent/guardian. The building principal or designee will subsequently hold a conference with the student, the bus driver and, if possible, the transportation supervisor. The student's

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parents/guardians may also be in attendance. Written notification of the rule violations and disciplinary actions will be sent to the student’s parents/guardians.

2. If the student incurs a third rule violation, the student will be denied school bus transportation for a period of time as determined by the building principal or designee with concurrence of the transportation supervisor.
3. In cases of extreme and unreasonable behavior by a student, the bus driver has the authority to notify the transportation supervisor by radio, to remove the student immediately, and to contact the student’s parents/guardians and the building principal or designee about the rule violation. Continued violation of bus rules will be considered sufficient cause for refusing to transport the student(s) involved, and may lead to suspension from school, depending upon the seriousness of the matter.

Should a problem occur when other classified employees or approved chaperones are supervising students, such employees will take whatever reasonable action is necessary to bring the situation under control and then immediately bring the problem to the attention of the building principal or designee and/or the transportation supervisor.

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