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STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board believes inappropriate student conduct causes serious disruption to the learning environment, interferes with the rights of others, and threatens the health and safety of students, employees, and the public. The Superintendent and staff will develop and implement age-appropriate student codes of conduct to facilitate the educational process.

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with respect and consideration for the rights of others while on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district. This policy will also apply while on school owned, operated or chartered transportation; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and educational processes of the school district.

Students who violate this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it will be subject to disciplinary measures including, but not limited to removal from the classroom, detention, suspension, probation and expulsion. The codes of conduct will include measures to prevent or discourage behavior which interferes with the educational program, behavior which disrupts the orderly and efficient operation of the school or the learning environment, behavior that is violent or destructive, or behavior which interferes with the rights of other students to pursue their education. Procedures will be available to allow rights of due process for all students.

This disciplinary process is designed to create the expectation that the degree of discipline imposed by the school will be proportionate to the severity of the behavior of the particular student, the previous discipline history of the student and other relevant factors. It will also include parental involvement process designed to enable parents, guardians, teachers and school administrators to work together to improve and enhance appropriate student behavior and academic performance. All student codes of conduct shall be submitted to the board for approval or review.

The code of conduct will be included in the student handbook, and a parent/guardian will sign and promptly return an acknowledgement of receipt of the handbook which specifically mentions the student code of conduct.

The student should have freedom and encouragement to express his or her individuality in school in any way so long as his or her conduct does not intrude upon or endanger the freedom of his or her peers to receive instruction. The board's intent is to try to establish a rational position between freedom for each individual and the necessity for sufficient order to permit the operation of the instructional program. All students on the other hand, should recognize the consequences of their conduct. This refers to their actions toward each other, to their language, to their dress and to their manners. Students both individually and in groups shall comply with school regulations until desired changes are made through due process, and shall recognize the authority of the teachers. Disobedience or open defiance of the teacher's authority shall constitute sufficient cause for disciplinary action.

Legal Reference: Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)
Neb. Statute 79-2, 114 et seq. (Neb. Equal Opportunity in
Education Act)79-254 et seq. (Student Discipline Act)

Cross Reference 503 Student Attendance
506 Student Activities
1005.02 Communication with Parents