

DISCIPLINE/PUNISHMENT

The board believes that an effective instructional program requires an orderly school environment and that the effectiveness of the educational program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of pupils.

The board believes that the best discipline is self-imposed and that pupils should learn to assume responsibility for their own behavior and the consequences of their actions.

Board policy requires each pupil of this district to adhere to the rules and regulations established by the administration and to submit to such disciplinary measures as are appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. The superintendent shall provide to pupils and their parents/guardians the rules of this district regarding pupil conduct and the sanctions which may be imposed for breach of those rules.

The regulations shall govern all on-campus and off-campus infractions and:

- A. Requires that pupils conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior; respect the person, property and rights of others; obey constituted authority and respond to those who hold that authority;
- B. Establishes the degree of order necessary to the educational program in which pupils are engaged.

Off-Campus Misconduct

1. **Application of disciplinary code to off-campus misconduct.** The Student Disciplinary Code and all penalties shall apply to conduct off school grounds that may endanger the health or safety of students within the school district or adversely affect the educative process.
2. **Examples of off-campus misconduct subject to discipline.** Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to : illegal activity, threats of violence, alcohol use, fighting, hazing, drug possession or sales, firearm possession, violent offenses, robbery, burglary, arson, and sexual assaults.
3. **Full-range of disciplinary penalties.** Students may be subject to the full range of disciplinary penalties for off-campus misconduct, including, but not limited to : suspensions, expulsions, detentions, as well as removal from participation in extracurricular activities, such as interscholastic sport teams, club sports, student government positions, class trips, class proms, and graduation ceremonies.

Pupils who display chronic behavioral or academic problems may be referred to the child study team by the superintendent for possible identification as disruptive or disaffected. Such referrals shall be in strict accordance with the due process regulations prescribed by the administrative code. Pupils so identified shall be provided with appropriate programs and services as prescribed by the child study team.

A pupil whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, may be suspended or expelled, following due process. Before expulsion proceedings may begin, the pupil must be referred to the child study team for comprehensive evaluation.

Teaching staff members and other employees of this board having authority over pupils shall take such lawful means as may be necessary to control the disorderly conduct of pupils in all situations and in all places where such pupils are within the jurisdiction of this board.

