

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive and district personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The school district has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity.

The Board recognizes the need to clearly define these expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, to identify the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline, when necessary, is administered promptly and fairly. To this end, the Board of Education shall adopt a code of conduct which, unless otherwise indicated, applies to all students, school district personnel, parents and other visitors when on school property or attending a school function.

The code of conduct shall include the following:

- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Essential Partners
- Student Dress Code
- Prohibited Student Conduct
- Reporting Violations
- Disciplinary Penalties, Procedures and Referrals
- Alternative Instruction
- Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Corporal Punishment
- Student Searches and Interrogations
- Visitors to Schools
- Public Conduct on School Property
- Dissemination and Review

The Board of Education shall review the code of conduct every year and update it as necessary. In conducting the review, the Board shall consider the effectiveness of the code's provisions and whether or not the code has been applied fairly and consistently.

Before adopting any revisions to the code, the Board shall hold at least one public hearing at which school personnel, parents, students and any other interested party may participate.

Ref: Project SAVE Legislation (Ed Law §2801)  
Commissioner Regulations (8NYCRR 100.2)

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