

## **504.03 Student Conduct**

Friday, August 11, 2023

### **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 functioning of school activities, behavior which interferes with the maintenance of a 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.

A student handbook will be used to familiarize students and parents or guardian with the school's practices and procedures. Students will be given a copy of the handbook, which will explain general regulations and requirements.

Students are expected to act, dress, and conduct themselves, in the school building and at school sponsored events, in such fashion that their behavior and dress will reflect favorably on the individual and on the school, will show consideration to fellow students, and will create a harmonious school atmosphere. All students must recognize their individual responsibilities and obligations, and discharge them in accordance with the school regulations.

All certified staff members are responsible for overseeing the conduct of students, both during school hours and at school sponsored events. In each instance in which an employee acts to help a student conduct himself or herself properly, emphasis shall be placed upon the growth of the student and the ability to discipline himself or herself.

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

Cross Reference: 503 Student Attendance 506 Student Activities 1005.02 Parent Relations Goals