

## Conduct

A student's conduct is a personal matter that he/she should keep within reasonable bounds that apply equally to all members of the community. The student should have freedom and encouragement to express his/her individuality in school in any way so long as their conduct does not intrude upon and endanger the freedom of others - especially upon the freedom of his/her peers to receive instruction. The board's intent is to establish a rational position between freedom for each individual and the necessity for sufficient order to permit the operation of the instructional programs.

Our board approved statement of school goals emphasizes our schools' responsibility for helping each pupil to develop his unique abilities to the maximum.

The board recognizes that implementation of this policy calls for sensitive, tolerant, intelligent action on the part of the school staff so that fostering of individuality is not incompatible with educationally sound group effort.

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, and shall recognize the authority of the teachers. Disobedience or open defiance of the teacher's authority shall constitute sufficient cause for disciplinary action and may result in suspension or expulsion from school. When, in the judgment of a teacher, an individual or a group effectively challenges his/her authority to conduct meaningful instruction in a classroom through disruptive acts, abusive language, or threats of bodily harm, the teacher shall report such activity at once to the principal who is empowered to institute appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action.

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