

DISCIPLINE

The school committee believes that student behavior should reflect the standards of good citizenship expected of members of a democratic society. Self-discipline is one of the immediate important goals of education, and its practice is of great concern to the committee.

It is expected that students shall conduct themselves in keeping with their level of maturity, acting with due regard to constituted authority. This includes conformity to school rules and regulations.

Consideration for the rights and privileges of others, cooperation with all personnel in the school community, and basic self-respect shall be the cornerstones of our guiding principles.

High personal standards of courtesy, decency, clean language, honesty, morality and wholesome relationships with others shall be maintained. Respect for real and personal property, pride in one's work and achievement within one's ability shall be expected of all students.

All employees of the schools shall share responsibility, as designated by the principal, for supervising the behavior of students.

Discipline should be administered in such a manner that the dignity of the student be maintained. Humiliation of a student will not be tolerated by the school committee or the administration. The committee deplores the use of threats.

The use of force is deplored in solving discipline problems. However, when it is required, minimum force may be used in the following situations: (a) to protect another person from personal attack or imminent threat thereof; (b) to so protect oneself; (c) to remove a recalcitrant pupil from a class or from one part of the building to another -- and in such event at least one other professional employee should be present to assist; (d) to protect the child from doing harm to oneself or others. If minimum force is used in the above situations, it shall be reported to the school principal who will report it to the Superintendent of Schools when considered serious.

Administrators shall have the authority to suspend.

Any of the following actions may subject a student to expulsion by the principal under the terms of M.G.L. 71:36H:

1. Found on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, in possession of a dangerous weapon or a controlled substance.
2. Who assaults a principal, assistant principal, teacher, educational assistant or other educational staff member on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related

events including athletic games.

Any of the following actions will subject a student to suspension, expulsion, subject to school committee action, or other disciplinary measures:

1. Intentionally causing or attempting to cause damage to school property; or stealing or attempting to steal school property.
2. Intentionally causing or attempting to cause damage to private property; stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person except in self-defense.
4. Using or copying the academic work of another and presenting it as his own without proper attribution.
5. Repeatedly and intentionally defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, or administrators.

The above prohibited actions will be printed in a handbook or other publication and made available to students and parents.

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