



Dieringer School District

Student Rights, Responsibilities and Regulations

This publication contains rights, responsibilities and regulations for students who attend a Dieringer District school. These rules and regulations have been established so a student can be assured an educational setting in which to learn with as few disruptions as possible. If you have questions regarding this publication, please contact the principal at your child's school.

Student Rights

Due Process

Students may be subject to discipline, suspension or expulsion, including emergency expulsion, for violating District and school rules, regulations and policies. The procedures for appealing these actions are found in DSD Policy 3241 and WAC Chapter 392-400. In general, these require student discipline to be administered fairly and equitably and with due process considerations.

Freedom of Expression

1. Students are entitled to express their personal opinions verbally, symbolically and in writing. Student expression may not contain language or ideas of such a nature that it is reasonably probable the expression will create hostility or violent or unlawful behavior, be libelous, slanderous, profane, vulgar or obscene, or materially and substantially interfere with the educational process. Student expression may not attack ethnic, religious, disabled, gender or racial groups.
2. School-sponsored student publications and presentations are not public forums. School officials may review and exercise editorial control over school-sponsored student publications and presentations.
3. To prevent interference with the school program, non-school publication and distribution of leaflets and handbills require the principal to determine the time and place of distribution and to clarify student responsibility for content.
4. Student groups which are not authorized by the Associated Student Body may conduct meetings during non-instructional time by submitting an application to the school principal. School personnel may not participate in the meeting and nonstudents may not initiate, direct, control or regularly attend the meeting.
5. Freedom of peaceful assembly is regulated in time and place by the building principal. Demonstrations which interfere with the operation of the school or classroom are prohibited. Classroom attendance takes precedence over freedom to assemble.
6. Distribution of unlawful materials in school buildings or on the grounds is prohibited.
7. Any violation by any student(s) of the limitations of freedom of expression may subject the student to disciplinary action. DSD 3220

Search and Seizure

A student shall be free from searches by school officials of his/her clothing and other personal property unless there are reasonable grounds to believe the search is necessary to yield evidence of a student's violation of the law or school rule. Student lockers, desks and other storage areas remain the property of the District and school officials retain the right to inspect lockers, desks or other storage areas assigned to students. No right nor expectation of privacy exists for any student, and these areas may be inspected or searched by school authorities at any time without prior notice and without reasonable suspicion that the search will yield evidence of a student's violation of the

law or a school rule. Any container(s) found as a result of a search of a locker, desk or other storage area may be searched if there is reasonable suspicion the container(s) holds evidence of a student's violation of the law or school rule. A principal or designee may not subject a student to a strip search or body-cavity search as those terms are defined in RCW 10.79.070.

Illegal items, such as drugs, drug paraphernalia, firearms, weapons or other possessions reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others, may be seized by school authorities. Items which are used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from student possession. DSD 3230

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

All students are protected from discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin and disability under Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Copies of the District's policies against discrimination are available upon request. DSD 3207

Relations with Law Enforcement, CPS and County Health Department

On occasion it is necessary for law enforcement officers or Child Protection Service (CPS) authorities to interview students or take them into custody during the school hours. In such instances the District will act in accordance with DSD 4310.

Student Responsibilities

This section contains the written rules of conduct developed by the superintendent in accordance with DSD 3240. In addition to these rules and regulations, each school in the District may provide additional rules and procedures, not in conflict with those stated herein, regarding student conduct and the administering of corrective action applicable to that school.

Any conduct which materially and substantially interferes with the educational process is prohibited. The following list of offenses generally describes such conduct, but is not intended to be exclusive. Each is specifically prohibited on school grounds, on school sponsored transportation, at school events off school grounds, and off school grounds if the conduct materially and substantially affects the educational process or District operations.

Exceptional Misconduct- Conduct marked with an asterisk () is designated as exceptional misconduct and has been judged, following consultation with an ad hoc citizens committee, to be (a) a first-time offense that is so serious in nature and/or so serious in terms of the disruptive effect upon the operation of the school, or (b) is of such frequent occurrence, notwithstanding past attempts to control such misconduct with other forms of corrective action, that students may be subject to suspension (short or long-term). Such misconduct may also result in an expulsion or emergency expulsion under the circumstances enumerated in DSD 3241.

Exceptional Misconduct

1. *Commission or Participation in Criminal Acts- Commission or participation in criminal acts on or about school or at all school-sponsored activities or functions is

prohibited and will be referred to the appropriate legal authority for disposition. Disciplinary action may be taken by school authorities whether or not criminal charges result. DSD 3240

- a. Arson- intentionally setting a fire.
 - b. Assault- physical threats or violence performed on a person.
 - c. Burglary-unlawful entry into a school facility with intent to perform theft or vandalism.
 - d. Drugs and alcohol- possession, use, or sale of dangerous drugs, narcotics or alcohol on school property or at school-sponsored activities or functions.
 - e. Explosives- possession of explosive devices or materials on or about school property and at school-sponsored activities and functions; or threats, stated or implied, to place explosive materials or devices on or about school property.
 - f. Extortion- blackmail or coercion-obtaining money, property or favor by violence or threat of violence performed against persons or by forcing another to perform and act against his will by force or threat of force.
 - g. Dangerous weapons- illegal possession or use of firearms, knives, clubs or other implements that could be used as weapons, on or about school property or at school property or at school-sponsored activities or functions.
 - h. Larceny- theft of property of another student, school employee or the District.
 - i. Malicious mischief-intentional damage to property of another student, employee or the District.
 - j. Trespassing- being present in an unauthorized place or refusing to leave when ordered to do so.
 - k. Unlawful interference- interfering with any district employee in the proper conduct of his responsibilities by force or threat of force.
2. *Damages or Destruction of Private Property- Students who intentionally or with gross carelessness cause or attempt to cause damage to or steal or attempt to steal valuable property at school or school-sponsored events will be subject to suspension or expulsion from school. DSD 3240
3. *Damage or Destruction of School Property- Any student who intentionally damages any District property shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from school. The parent or guardian of the student shall be liable for the payment of damages. DSD 3240
4. *Dissemination of inappropriate message or images- Dissemination of inappropriate messages or images, including transmitting, viewing, or possessing images of a sexually explicit nature but not limited to. This includes both the initiation and/or participation in such an activity.
5. *Drugs/Alcohol- Any student who (a) illegally uses, possesses, sells or is under the influence of drugs, alcohol, controlled or mood altering substances; (b) illegally uses, possesses, sells or is under the influence of medication which is not prescribed for

his/her use by a licensed doctor; or (c) illegally uses, possesses sells or gives to another, drug paraphernalia on school property or at a school-sponsored activity or event will be disciplined. Such discipline may include participation in intervention activities, referral to a law enforcement agency when appropriate, and/or suspension or expulsion from school. DSD 3240

6. *Electronic Communication System Computer Technology Internet- Computers and the network are District property and must be used appropriately. Equipment and network are subject to monitoring to assure appropriate use.

Computer Misuse of substantial nature, including but not limited to, Damage any part of the computer system by attempting to harm, modify, or destroy computer hardware, software, or the data of fellow students.

- a. Send, receive or display offensive, inappropriate, or sexually explicit materials
 - b. Use obscene language
 - c. Use other people's passwords
 - d. Harass, insult or attack others
 - e. Seek to receive or provide unauthorized access to resources
 - f. Trespass in files and/or folders of others
 - g. Violate copyright laws and/or plagiarize the materials of others,
 - h. Steal equipment or software,
 - i. Intentionally waste resources,
 - j. Use a Network computer for commercial purposes, personal gain and fraud.
 - k. Stealing, hacking, deleting, interfering with, or copying software, systems, or programs.
 - l. Transmitting a virus or other material that is wholly inconsistent with the fundamental values of public school education.
 - m. Changing of school, District, or student records without authorization.
 - n. Accessing a district or teacher's computer without authorization.
 - o. Using a proxy site or other Internet site from a District computer to deliberately evade District filters.
 - p. Send or share photos, videos or personal information of other students or staff member
7. *Extortion, Assault or Causing Physical Injury- A student will not extort anything, threaten injury or attempt to cause physical injury or intentionally behave in such a way as could reasonably be expected to cause physical injury to any person. DSD 3240
8. *False Alarms/Fire Apparatus- Setting off false alarms, discharging or stealing fire extinguishers or damaging alarm systems is prohibited.
9. *Fighting - The act of quarreling involving bodily contact is prohibited.

10. *Fireworks/Explosives- including the possession, handling or transmission of any form of firework and/or explosive, chemical or incendiary device. These devices include, but are not limited to, firecrackers, sparklers, smoke bomb or stink bomb, cherry bomb, M80, bottle rocket, other explosive, incendiary or poison gas, or gas pen/gas pencil.
11. *Firearms- A student carrying a firearm on to or possessing a firearm on school premises shall be expelled from school for not less than one-year (RCW.28A.600.010 and 28A.600.420). DSD 3240
12. *Forgery- The act of fraudulently using the name of another person or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses or other data is prohibited.
13. *Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB)- Any intentional written message or image, including those that are electronically transmitted, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, culture, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics, when the intentional written, verbal, or physical act:
 - a. Physically harms any person or damages the person's property.
 - b. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.
 - c. Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
 - d. Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.
14. *Harassment, Malicious- Derogatory action or intimidation of another person in a way that places that person in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or property; or disrupts the learning environment, is prohibited.
15. *Harassment, Sexual- Unwelcome or uninvited sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexual comments, cartoons, innuendoes and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature is prohibited.
16. *Hazing- Students shall not participate, conspire to participate, or conspire for others to participate in hazing or harassing acts that injure, degrade or disgrace, or tend to injure, degrade or disgrace other individuals.
17. *Inappropriate Display of Affection- Overt displays of affection or sexually-oriented actions which violate standards of acceptable social conduct are prohibited.
18. *Gang Activity or Association- The Board of Directors will endeavor to provide a safe educational environment free of unnecessary disruption and intimidation for all students. A balance will be maintained between basic student rights and freedoms and

the need to limit the expression of those freedoms to the extent necessary to ensure the safety of students and faculty and to preserve an appropriate educational environment for students.

Persons joined together to promote or participate in illegal activities may cause substantial disruption of the educational process and injury and/or intimidation of students and staff. The existence of groups of persons formed for the promotion of illegal activity on school property or at school activities or events is a violation of District policy. The use of colors, insignia, dress or symbols either of tangible personal property, a distinctive form of grooming or a manner of dress to create a reasonable belief by a student or staff member that a student is a member of a group of persons that promotes illegal activity and/or has the purpose of promoting racial bias is disruptive to the educational process and is, therefore, prohibited.

Any person or persons who act in such a way as to initiate, advocate or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with District disciplinary policies and regulations. DSD 3240

19. *Non-Compliance– All students will obey the written rules and regulations established for the orderly operation of the schools. Further they will comply with reasonable requests and directives of District personnel. Students will follow the required courses of study and submit to reasonable corrective action by the District and its representatives for violations of District policies, regulations and rules. DSD 3240
20. *Threats- Direct or indirect communications that are threatening in nature, written or verbal that implies physical harm towards another person, group of people or the school are unacceptable. This includes but is not limited to email, voice messages, texting and webpage postings.
21. *Use or Possession of Tobacco and Tobacco Products- Use of tobacco and tobacco products by students is not permitted on school property or at school-sponsored activities or events. Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices, “vapor pens,” non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances; and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation, whether or not currently in use for tobacco consumption. DSD 4215
22. *Weapons and Dangerous Instruments- Use, possession or transmission of any weapon or object that could reasonably be considered a weapon by any student on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, event or function is prohibited. DSD 3240

Other Misconduct

1. Alteration of Records- Falsification, alteration, or destruction of any school record or any communication between home and school is prohibited.
2. Failure to Attend- Students will attend regularly scheduled classes on time unless officially excused. DSD 3121
3. Cheating- Intentional deception in the preparation or completion of any school assignment, assessment, examination or project, or in the conduct of any school-related activity is prohibited, along with the aiding and abetting of such behavior by others.
4. Closed Campus- Dieringer School District will have a closed campus requiring all students to remain on the school grounds from time of arrival until officially excused. DSD 3242
5. Conduct at Off-campus School-sponsored Events- The student's attendance at evening and weekend school-sponsored events is conditioned upon his/her observances of school policies, regulations and rules. DSD 3240
6. Cumulative Violations- Students who consistently violate various school policies, rules and regulations will be subject to suspension. DSD 3240
7. Dress and Physical Appearance- Students' appearance should be neat and clean. Dress and appearance which cause disruption of the educational process or present health or safety problems will not be permitted. Gang apparent colors and insignias, etc., are prohibited within the school setting. DSD 3121
8. Disruption- Disruption of the educational processes will not be permitted. DSD 3240
9. False Accusations/Defamation- Students shall not make untrue charges of wrongful conduct or other defamatory statements.
10. Gambling- The act of risking or betting something of value on the outcome of an event, a game of chance, etc., is prohibited.
11. Profanity and Vulgarity- The use of vulgar or profane language by students on school property or at school-sponsored activities or events is prohibited. DSD 324

Electronic Devices- Students may possess personal communication devices including but not limited to pagers, beepers and cellular phones on school property or a school-sponsored or school-

related activities provided that such devices do not pose a threat to academic integrity, disrupt the learning environment or violate privacy rights of others. All telecommunications/electronic devices may not be in visible sight or operated during school hours (bell to bell). Telecommunications/electronic devices may be displayed and/or operated only before the first bell and after the last bell of the regular school day, unless an emergency situation exist that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to do otherwise. DSD 3245

Disciplinary Action- Disciplinary action includes those measures authorized by the Board of Directors and employed by school personnel to insure that appropriate levels of order and discipline essential to effective teaching and learning are maintained. Emphasis is placed on the student's responsibility for self-control and self-management; however, discipline, emergency removal, short-term suspension, long-term suspension and expulsion will be imposed when the need for such action is indicated. DSD 3241

Discipline- Discipline will mean all forms of corrective action other than suspension or expulsion. Corrective action will be imposed for cause and with due process. As provided in statute, teachers, administrators and other designated employees have the responsibility and authority to discipline students for disruptive or disorderly conduct at school, school-sponsored activities or events. Students in transit in any district vehicle are subject to this authority. DSD 3241

Emergency Removal- A student may be removed immediately from a class, subject or activity by a certificated teacher and be sent to the principal or designee, provided the teacher has reason to believe the student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to the student, other students or school personnel or an immediate and continuing threat of substantial disruption of the class, subject, activity or educational process (WAC 180-40-290). DSD 3241

Short-term Suspension- Means a denial of attendance at any single subject or class or at any full schedule of subjects or classes, or at any other type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the District and any combination of the foregoing, for a stated period of time greater than one class or activity, but not to exceed ten consecutive calendar days. A suspension may include a denial of admission to or entry upon real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented or controlled by the District (WAC 180-40-205, 245, 255). DSD 3241

If dissatisfied with the results of the conference with the building administrator, the student, parent or guardian may appeal the decision to the superintendent/designee upon two (2) days prior written notice, the student, parents or guardian may present a written and/or oral grievance to the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting. The Board will respond within ten school business days after the meeting.

Long-term Suspension- Means denial of attendance at any single subject or class or at any full schedule or type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the District, and any combination of the foregoing for a stated period of time in excess of ten consecutive days. A suspension also may include a denial of admission to or entry upon on real or personal property that is owned, leased, rented or controlled by the District (WAC 180-40-205, 245, 255). DSD 3241

Expulsion- Expulsion is the denial of attendance at any single subject or class, or at any full schedule of subjects or classes, or at any other type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the District, and any combination of the foregoing for an indefinite period of time. An expulsion also may include a denial of admission to or entry upon real or personal property that is owned, leased, rented or controlled by the District.

Students may be expelled from school only upon the action of the Board and it will be their duty to expel students for misconduct when other disciplinary actions have failed to bring about proper conduct. All cases of students recommended for expulsion will be referred to the superintendent in accordance with Dieringer school district policy 3241. (RCW28A.58.010, WAC 180-40-205, 275, 280, 285)

Emergency Expulsion- Emergency expulsion will mean a denial of attendance at any single subject or class, or at any full schedule of subjects or classes, or at any other type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the District and any combination of the foregoing, for an indefinite period of time.

Emergency expulsion may also include a denial of admission to or entry upon real or personal property that is owned, leased, rented or controlled by the District (WAC 180-40-205 (5)).

A student may be expelled immediately by the superintendent or designee in emergency situations; provided, the superintendent or designee has good and sufficient reason to believe the student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to the student, other students, school personnel or an immediate and continuing threat of substantial disruption of the educational process. An emergency expulsion shall continue until modified or reversed pursuant to Board regulations (WAC 180-40-295). DSD 3241

Readmission/Re-admittance- A student who has been suspended or expelled, who wishes to reenter a District school prior to termination of the imposed sanction, or after completion of specified sanction, may be readmitted if the student may reasonably be expected to comply with school regulations upon re-admittance. DSD 3241

Exceptional Misconduct- Because of the issue of safety and/or the potential of the disruptive effect on the school, violations of these discipline policies (indicated with an asterisk ()) may result in suspension with the student's first offense. DSD 3241

Corrective Action- Corrective action includes those measures authorized by the Board of Directors and employed by school personnel to insure that appropriate levels of order and discipline essential to effective teaching and learning are maintained. Emphasis is placed on the student's responsibility for self-control and self-management; however, discipline, emergency removal, short-term suspension, long-term suspension, emergency expulsion, and expulsion will be imposed when the need for such action is indicated. DSD 3241

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activities or events. Students in transit in any district vehicle are subject to this authority. DSD 3241

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Short-term Suspension- Means a denial of attendance at any single subject or class or at any full schedule of subjects or classes, or at any other type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the District and any combination of the foregoing, for a stated period of time greater than one class or activity, but not to exceed ten consecutive calendar days. A suspension may include a denial of admission to or entry upon real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented or controlled by the District (WAC 180-40-205, 245, 255). DSD 3241

If dissatisfied with the results of the conference with the building administrator, the student, parent or guardian may appeal the decision to the superintendent/designee upon two (2) days prior written notice, the student, parents or guardian may present a written and/or oral grievance to the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting. The Board will respond within ten school business days after the meeting.

Long-term Suspension- Means denial of attendance at any single subject or class or at any full schedule or type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the District, and any combination of the foregoing for a stated period of time in excess of ten consecutive days. A suspension also may include a denial of admission to or entry upon on real or personal property that is owned, leased, rented or controlled by the District (WAC 180-40-205, 245, 255). DSD 3241

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Student Medication at School

Washington statute *REQUIRES* school personnel to obtain written authorization and instructions from the parent/guardian and the physician or dentist before administering any drug, whether prescription or over-the-counter, to students. Instructions from the physician or dentist must include the reason medication is to be given during school hours. It is District policy to administer such medication only when failure to receive the medicine may result in the student being unable to attend school and /or to be well enough to participate in learning activities at school. Where possible, the physician or dentist should be encouraged to organize medication schedules so it will be unnecessary for the child to take medication at school.

Medication which is to be taken at school must be brought to the office and in the original container with the pharmacist's labels including the child's name, physician's or dentist's name, medication and dosage.

Authorization for medication forms are available at the school office and in the office of many doctors and dentists. In absence of the required form, a signed authorization from the physician or dentist and the parent may be accepted. Authorization for administration of medication to students shall be for a specific period of time, not to exceed the current school year. DSD 3416

Student Transportation

The purpose of school transportation rules and regulations is to establish standards of behavior that insure the safety and comfort of students riding District vehicles to and from school and school-sponsored activities and events.

No student shall be disciplined nor shall transportation rights be suspended or limited except for sufficient cause and with due process. Only duly authorized school authorities shall discipline or recommend suspension of a student's transportation rights.

Serious cases of misconduct which create unsafe conditions can result in interim suspension of the student's transportation rights. Prior to initiating action which could result in the suspension of student's transportation rights for a period in excess of three days, a student and parent or

guardian will be given an opportunity for a fair and impartial hearing, which guarantees protection of the student's procedural rights unless the student and parent or guardian specifically waive this right. Such hearing and review shall be conducted in accordance with District due process. DSD 6605

The following rules and regulations apply to all students using school district transportation to and from school and school-sponsored activities and events:

1. Students shall obey the driver and any aide assigned to the bus by the district. The driver is in full charge of the bus and passengers and shall be obeyed. If an aide is assigned to the bus by the district, he/she shall be responsible for the safe operation of the bus. When transporting classes or teams, the teacher or coach shall be primarily responsible for the behavior of the students. Students shall obey both the driver and the teacher, coach or other staff member.
2. Students shall ride only on their assigned bus unless written permission to do otherwise has been received by school officials.
3. Students shall not be permitted to leave the bus except at their regular stop unless written permission to do otherwise is received by school officials.
4. Students assigned seats shall use only that seat unless permission to change is authorized by the driver.
5. Students shall observe rules of classroom conduct while riding on buses. Noise shall be kept down to avoid distracting the driver. Students shall refrain from the use of obscene language or gestures.
6. Students shall not smoke or ignite lighters or matches on buses.
7. Students shall not eat on buses, except when specifically authorized and supervised by an accompanying teacher, coach or other staff member. Buses shall be kept clean.
8. Students shall not open bus windows without the driver's permission.
9. Students shall not extend any part of their body out of bus windows at any time.
10. Students shall not carry or have in their possession items that can cause injury to passengers on the bus. Such items include, but are not limited to, sticks, breakable containers, weapons or firearms, straps or pins protruding from clothing, large, bulky items which cannot be held or placed between legs, etc. Books and personal belongings shall be kept out of aisles.
11. Students shall not have animals on buses, except a dog providing assistance to a disabled student.
12. Students shall not sit in the driver's seat or to the immediate right or left of the driver.
13. Students shall refrain from talking to the driver unless necessary.
14. Students shall go directly to a seat once inside the bus and remain seated at all times unless the driver instructs otherwise.
15. Students shall get on/off the bus in an orderly manner and shall obey the instructions of the driver or school safety patrolmen on duty. There shall be no pushing and shoving when boarding or leaving the bus. Once off the bus, students shall adhere to rules for pedestrians.
16. Students shall never cross the roadway behind a bus unless they use pedestrian crosswalks or traffic lights.
17. Students shall stand away from the roadway curb when any bus is approaching or leaving a stop.

18. Students going to and from their bus stops where there are no sidewalks shall walk on the left-hand side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic. Students shall go directly to their home after leaving the bus.
19. Students shall use lap belts on buses when available.
20. Students shall follow emergency exit drill procedures as prescribed by the driver.
21. Students shall not tamper with emergency doors or equipment.
22. Parents of students identified as causing damage to buses shall be charged with the cost of the incurred damage. Students causing the damage may be suspended from transportation.
23. Student misconduct shall constitute sufficient reason for suspending transportation privileges.

Note: Any student using District transportation shall obey all state, municipal and District laws, rules, regulations and procedures while loading, unloading or being transported on a District vehicle. Violators may be referred to proper non-school agencies when violations include unlawful acts.

Sexual Harassment

Unwelcome and/or uninvited sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature may constitute sexual harassment.

A student who believes he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment is strongly encouraged to bring this to the immediate attention of a teacher, principal or other staff member, as appropriate, without fear of reprisal.

Complaints of sexual harassment will be investigated by appropriate personnel. If you have concerns or questions about an investigation please call (253) 862-2537.

Drug-free Schools

Use or possession of illicit drugs and/or unlawful possession or use of alcohol on school property or at school-sponsored events is illegal and harmful.

The Dieringer School District is an equal opportunity employer. The District complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, national origin (including language), sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This holds true for all District employment opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to Dr. Judy Neumeier-Martinson, Superintendent and Title IX, Section 504 and ADA Compliance Officer at (253) 862-2537.