

Dell Rapids School District #49-3

Policies and Regulations Code: J – Students



JFC STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board of Education recognizes that acceptable behavior is essential to the development of responsible and self-disciplined citizens and to provide an effective school program. Positive behavior is based on respect for one's self and for the worth and human dignity of others. Development of such positive behavior in students is a dual function of the home and of the school.

The Board of Education requires that each student adhere to the rules of conduct and submit to corrective action taken as a result of conduct violations. The rules of conduct are applicable during the school day as well as during any school activity conducted on or off campus. Special rules are also applicable while riding on a school bus (see policy JFCC or EEACC).

Each student is responsible for the following areas if he/she is to receive an education in the Dell Rapids School District:

1. Do the required school work and put forth a reasonable effort in assigned work.
2. Bring appropriate equipment and materials.
3. Be responsible for his/her own school work.
4. Attend school and classes punctually and regularly.
5. Respect the rights of fellow students to receive an education free from physical and verbal abuse and intimidation.
6. Respect the rights of fellow students to receive an education free from disruption in an orderly learning environment.
7. Abide by the rules and regulations governing conduct established by law, the Board of Education, the administration, and the teaching staff.

Students who refuse to accept the above responsibilities will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students in the district schools are expected to act in such fashion that their behavior will reflect favorably on the individual student and on the school; will show consideration for other students; school employees and guests at the school, and will create a positive school environment in which to learn and work. All students have individual responsibilities and obligations in their conduct towards other people and with respect to property.

Examples of student conduct on school grounds or at school activities which will subject a student to suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action, and which may be reported to the legal authorities and subject to legal consequences, include, but are not limited to:

1. Intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause damage to school property; or stealing or attempting to steal school property.
2. Intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause damage to private property; stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person except in self-defense, or threatening to do so.

4. Possession of any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
5. Possession, use, transmitting, or being under the influence of any controlled drug or substance without a physician's prescription.
6. Possession of, use or under the influence of alcohol.
7. Possession or use of any tobacco product.
8. Making false fire alarms or bomb threats or similar threats.
9. Communicating a terrorist threat or using a hoax substance or device to cause fear of a terrorist act.
10. Falsely reporting a threat.
11. Cheating with respect to school work or tests.
12. Using lewd, profane or obscene language, or displaying lewd, profane or obscene language or pictures.
13. Sexually harassing any other person.
14. Harassment of any other person (harassment means intentional conduct directed at another person which seriously annoys, alarms, or offends the person and the conduct has no legitimate or valid reason, and includes bullying/hazing).
15. Repeatedly and intentionally defying the valid authority of school employees and personnel, or conduct which disrupts, interrupts and interferes with the educational process or the rights of other students to learn.

Copies of this policy shall be made available to parents and to all students, either through being reprinted in student handbooks or through some other means.

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