

Newton USD 373 Discipline Plan

Philosophy – *We Believe...*

- That it is the school's responsibility to provide a positive climate for learning.
- That the schools should emphasize positive incentives and recognition which promote self-discipline.
- That discipline is an essential part of education.
- That students have rights and responsibilities.
- That school rules should be established and understood by parents, teachers and students.
- That parents should be deeply involved in the discipline of their children.
- That parents, teachers, and administrators should help students work toward self-discipline, self-control, and self-responsibility.
- That disciplinary action should be in accordance with the policy of the Newton Board of Education and as stated in the State of Kansas laws.

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIORS:

Students and their parents must be aware that inappropriate behaviors result in consequences to be determined by the principal in consultation, if necessary, with the teacher involved. The consequences may include:

- Conference with the principal or teacher
- Conference with principal, teacher, student, and parent
- Written notification to parent
- Referral to counselor/social worker and/or building team
- Peer group mediation
- After-school detention
- In-school suspension
- Alternative Educational Placement
- Out-of-school suspension
- Possible police involvement if deemed appropriate for any offense
- Specific consequences agreed upon by principal, parent, and teacher
- Long-term suspension or expulsion from district schools
- Long-term suspension or expulsion is possible for extreme or multiple behaviors regardless of the guidelines in the discipline plan

Refer to your students' planner or handbook for specific details of the discipline guidelines.