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Free Expression by Students

The board of education is responsible for providing a program of education for students in this district and is authorized to preserve order so that the system may function properly. Under the United States Constitution, students are entitled to assemble peaceably and to express ideas and opinions, privately or publicly, provided that their activities do not infringe on the rights of others and do not interfere with the operation of the education program.

Students are prohibited from engaging in any willful activity that interferes with the orderly operation of the educational program or offends the rights of others. The board specifically prohibits any assembly or public expression that materially disrupts instruction; is obscene, slanderous, or grossly prejudicial to an ethnic, national, religious, or racial group or to either gender; advocates the use of substances that are illegal to minors; incites violence or urges the violation of law or school rules. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with law and board policy; staff members who assist students in improper conduct are subject to disciplinary measures.

The building principal is responsible for identifying and resolving disruptions in any school building and may summons law enforcement officers as deemed necessary.

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Procedures

The following guidelines are for the use of principals in the event of disturbance, disorder, or demonstrations on or near the school site and apply to both students and adults.

1. The final decision for determining the nature of assistance needed at a disturbance, disorder, or demonstration is the responsibility of the school principal.
2. When possible, the school administration and school staff should handle student problems.
3. The Superintendent should be notified immediately of any serious problem at the school. The principal should seek the advice of the Superintendent as well as informing their of decisions and progress.
4. When necessary, police should be called to the site of the disorder. They should be alerted ahead of time when problems are suspected. The Chief of Police or their designee will direct the activities of the police at the site of the disturbance. The principal will serve as liaison when the police are on the scene.
5. The administration will maintain a "log" in which are listed the date, time, and nature of each incident, names of persons involved and description of action taken.