

525 CODE OF CONDUCT

I. PURPOSE

The intent is to create a common set of expectations for everyone in the Barnesville School District; to improve the school culture at buildings and all district programs; to improve parent-teacher-student relationships.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The Code

Respect – Be considerate of self, others, their beliefs and their property.

Responsibility – Be accountable in words and actions.

Honesty – Be truthful in all you say and do.

Safety – Be safe in words, actions and choices.

Commitment – Be loyal and dedicated to your school and community.

B. A school is a place that promotes responsibility, respect, civility and academic excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment. Everyone has the right to be respected and feel safe in his or her school community. With this right comes the responsibility to be law-abiding citizens and to be accountable for actions that put at risk the safety of others or oneself. Our task is to set clear standards of behavior for every person that steps foot onto our fields, courts, playgrounds and into our facilities and rides our buses. The standards of behavior will apply not only to students, but also to all individuals involved in this school system – parents or guardians, volunteers, visiting community members, teachers and all staff members – whether they are on school property, on school buses or at school-authorized events or activities.

C. **Our Role and Responsibility**

As a community we must provide direction for our district that will ensure opportunity, excellence and accountability in the education system.

School Staff are to maintain order in the school and are expected to hold everyone to the highest standard of respectful and responsible behavior. As role models, staff uphold these high standards.

Students are to be treated with respect and dignity. In return, they must demonstrate respect for themselves, for others and for the responsibilities of citizenship through acceptable behavior.

Parents play an important role in the education of their children and have the responsibility to support the efforts of school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.