

RSU #63

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** JIC
- b. Title:** Code of Student Conduct
- c. Author:** Superintendent/Board of Directors
- d. Replaces Policy:**
- e. Date Approved:** 01/24/2022
- f. Previously Approved:** 09/25/2017
- g. Policy Expiration:** Review as Needed
- h. Responsible for Review:** Superintendent/Policy Committee
- i. Date Reviewed:** 12/19/2021 Superintendent
01/10/2022 Policy Committee
- j. References:** Title 17-A MRSA, § 106-2-Physical force
by persons with special responsibilities

Cross Referenced Policies: JI – Student Rights & Responsibilities

- JICA – Student Dress Code
- EEAEC – Student and Rider Conduct on School Vehicles
- JICK – Bullying, Cyberbullying, & Hazing
- JICIA – Weapons, Violence, & School Safety
- JK – Student Discipline
- JKD – Suspension of Students
- JKE – Expulsion of Students

k. Narrative:

This policy and general rules of conduct for students are applicable to all RSU #63 (the District) schools to ensure the rights and welfare of all students, and are designed to prevent the disruptive few from interfering with the education of all. When students violate rules, the district’s administrative staff will take appropriate action. A parent or guardian will be responsible for their student’s behavior.

- I.** General rules of conduct, responsibilities, and rights, as published in the current Student Handbooks, will be made available annually to the District students and parents. Adherence is expected.
- II.** The principal has the overall responsibility to direct the staff to guide and counsel individuals and groups with each school. In order to assist the principal in carrying out this responsibility, the principal and building staff will confer at least once per semester in order to develop and/or review building disciplinary standards and uniform enforcement of those standards. The staff is responsible for maintaining proper order and discipline and uniform enforcement of established standards.
- III.** The staff has discretionary powers to use its best judgment, within existing policies, in deciding what is necessary to establish or maintain proper student conduct.

- IV.** Such discretionary power includes the right of staff to exclude any student who creates a disruption of the educational process from the classroom activity area, provided that the disruption is a violation of the building disciplinary standards, while the student is under the staff member's immediate supervision. In emergency removal situations, the staff member will first attempt one or more alternative forms of corrective action. The staff member may exclude a disruptive student for all or any portion of that school day or until the principal or designee and the staff member have conferred, whichever comes first. If a student needs to be removed from the classroom, the teacher must contact the principal.
- V.** A balance of concern should exist for the individual, the welfare of the group, and the institution. The staff will be responsible for working cooperatively toward consistent enforcement of acceptable student behavior throughout each school as well as within each classroom. The District's goal is to ensure the optimum learning atmosphere of the classroom and the educational process is maintained.
- VI.** Teachers may use before/after school time in order to provide extra help to students and as a penalty to enforce the proper management of their classes and appropriate student behavior. Teachers may not deprive students of recess time as a disciplinary consequence.
- VII.** Teachers may not cause a student who is transported by a school vehicle to miss their ride without ensuring prior arrangements have been made for the parent/guardian to transport the student.
- VIII.** Teachers who extend the student's day before/after school will be responsible for providing supervision of the student during the extension.
- IX.** Each elementary school will provide notice to parents of RSU #63's policy and procedure for extending the elementary school day.
- X.** The School Board recognizes that corporal punishment is illegal; however, the Board endorses Title 17-A MRSA, §106-2, "Physical force by persons with special responsibilities."