

**5040 Humboldt County School District
STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE
POLICY**

Student Discipline

The Board recognizes that maintaining a safe and productive learning environment is essential to its mission to empower students with their skills, knowledge, values and opportunities to thrive. Necessary and appropriate disciplinary measures, including interventions, will be taken to address the misconduct of students who engage in behaviors that distract and disrupt the mission of the District.

Discipline is the positive direction of behavior toward established standards of conduct, fully understood and based upon reason, judgment, rights and responsibilities. Ideal discipline is self-directed and self-controlled. Schools, the community, and parents/legal guardians share the responsibility for helping students develop self-discipline.

Discipline shall be enforced fairly and consistently, regardless of race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, color, age or national origin. Such discipline shall be consistent with applicable federal and state laws. These policies and regulations shall provide for the uniform implementation of board policy in the Humboldt County School District. The law charges every teacher and principal with maintaining order and discipline among students and provides that students who do not comply with reasonable rules may be recommended for disciplinary action. Actions taken to control and correct undesirable student behavior should take individual circumstances into account. Concern for the safety and educational welfare of all students must be the priority.

Students receiving and students who have been identified as qualifying for special education and/or 504 services, shall be disciplined in accordance with provisions of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Board of Trustees may suspend or expel, or authorize any principal or administrator to suspend from any public school within the school district, any pupil who will not submit to reasonable and ordinary rules of order and discipline.

Exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student in the District and one that will not be imposed without appropriate due process, including timely notification to parents/guardians. Accordingly, suspension or expulsion of students in the District will occur only in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations, including compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as applicable.

Legal Reference:

NRS 392.461 *et seq.*

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