

443 STUDENT CONDUCT

A student's conduct is a personal matter which should be kept within reasonable bounds that apply equally to all members of the community. Students should have freedom and encouragement to express their individuality in school in any way so long as such conduct does not intrude upon and endanger the freedom of others to behave as they wish – especially upon the freedom of other students to receive instruction. The Board's intent is to try to establish a rational position between freedom for each individual and the necessity for sufficient order to permit the operation of the instructional program.

Respect for the individuality of students argues against attempts by the school to force student behavior into a common mold. Our Board-approved statement of school goals emphasizes our schools' responsibility for helping each student to develop his/her unique abilities to the maximum.

The Board recognizes that implementation of this policy calls for sensitive, tolerant, intelligent action on the part of the school staff so that fostering of individuality is not incompatible with educationally sound group effort. In each instance in which an employee acts to help a student conduct him/herself properly, emphasis shall be placed upon the growth of the student in ability to discipline him/herself.

All students, on the other hand, should recognize the consequences of their conduct, including their actions toward each other, language, dress, and manners.

Students, both individually and in groups, shall comply with school regulations until needed changes are made through due process and shall recognize the authority of the teachers. Disobedience or open defiance of the teacher's authority shall constitute sufficient cause for disciplinary action.

Students are also expected to abide by the code of conduct and behavior as outlined in the Board-approved Code of Classroom Conduct. Any student who violates the Code of Classroom Conduct may be subject to removal from class and/or disciplinary action.

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate in standards and rules of behavior, including student harassment, on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
118.164
120.13(1)
120.44
PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 310, Instructional Goals and Objectives
447, Student Discipline
411 Rule, Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedures
443 Rule, Code of Classroom Conduct
371, Student Organizations

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