

## 446 STUDENT DISORDERS

The Board is required by law to provide proper school facilities and to maintain an appropriate program of education for all children of school age. Any disruption or interference with the normal operation of the school hinders the effectiveness of the Board in fulfilling its legal responsibilities and impinges on the constitutional right of every child to a suitable education.

For these reasons the Board hereby declares that unlawful student assemblage, violence, disruption, vandalism, seizure of a school building, or interference with the assigned work of school personnel or students cannot be permitted under any circumstances.

The Board directs the administration to devise and implement a plan for handling of student disorders which recognizes that minor students may be involved. The plan should:

1. Provide for dealing with various types of disorder;
2. Be tailored to the specific incident of disorder;
3. Recognize educators' responsibility to educate;
4. Allow for the youthful mass emotions;
5. Recognize the students' legal rights;
6. Provide for students' accountability for their actions.

Honest dialogue between the administration and the students will dissipate many problems. A frank and genuine promise to investigate complaints can turn a potentially disruptive situation into a passing moment and permit the educational process to keep going.

The school should offer meaningful and worthwhile opportunities for student involvement to the end that students might see themselves as worthy and contributing citizens.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes  
120.44

CROSS REF.: 446-Rule, Procedures for Handling Student Disorders

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