

## 447 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Board recognizes that students who cannot or will not control themselves and who disrupt the school program need to learn how to behave. All members of the school district's staff are responsible for doing as much as possible to help these students. However, behavior of students who do not respond to this help and are persistent in infringing upon the rights of other students to learn, in depreciating a teacher's status and efforts, in performing or exhibiting actions which degrade or harm other students or otherwise interfere with the operation of the school, shall not be tolerated.

The superintendent, principals and every teacher in the district shall ensure that proper conduct and behavior is maintained by students in the classrooms, on school premises, on school buses and during school-sponsored activities. Students shall be informed that teachers and administrators are authorized to employ reasonable practices in disciplining students for misbehavior and/or violations of rules and regulations.

A positive approach in the disciplinary measures shall be used, taking into account the dignity of the student, the seriousness of the infraction and the need for positive motivation of students. In reference to discipline in the school, the ultimate goal is to develop an understanding of self-discipline and its necessity in our society.

Specific rules and regulations concerning student behavior shall be established by the administration. These rules and regulations, along with state laws relating to student conduct and behavior, shall be distributed to parents, staff and students.

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate in standards and rules of behavior or disciplinary measures, including suspensions and expulsions, on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, 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  
  120.13(1)  
  120.44  
  121.52(2)  
                          PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.:           447-Rule, Student Discipline Procedures  
                          411-Rule, Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedures  
                          447.2, Student Suspension and Expulsion

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