

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each year, the superintendent will develop handbooks pertaining to student rights, conduct, and discipline, and make the handbooks available to all students, their parents, and staff. The superintendent will develop such handbooks with the participation of parents and the community.

The school principal and certificated building staff will confer at least annually to develop and/or review student conduct standards and the uniform enforcement of those standards as related to the established student handbooks. They will seek to develop precise definitions for common problem behaviors and build consensus on what constitutes manifestation of those problem behaviors. The definitions will also address differences between major and minor manifestations of problem behaviors to identify those problem behaviors that teachers and other classroom staff can generally address and those problem behaviors that are so severe that an administrator needs to be involved. This work will also help district staff identify and address differences in the perception of subjective misbehaviors and reduce the effect of implicit bias.

They will also confer annually to establish criteria for determining when certificated employees must complete classes to improve classroom management skills.

All students who attend the district’s schools will comply with the written policies, rules, and regulations of the schools, will pursue the required course of studies, and will submit to the authority of the staff of the schools, subject to such discipline, including other forms of discipline as the school officials will determine.

Cross Reference:

Board Policy 3241	Student Discipline
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Legal References:

RCW 28A.150.240	Certificated teaching and administrative staff as accountable for classroom teaching — Scope — Responsibilities — Penalty
RCW 28A.400.110	Principal to assure appropriate student discipline — building discipline standards — classes to improve classroom management skills
RCW 28A.405.060	Course of study of regulations — Enforcement — withholding salary warrant for failure
RCW 28A.600.010	Enforcement of rules of conduct — Due process guarantees — Computation of days for short-term and long-term suspensions

RCW 28A.600.020	Exclusion of student from classrooms — Written disciplinary procedures —long-term suspension or expulsion
RCW 28A.600.040 Chapter 392-168 WAC	Pupils to comply with rules and regulations Special service programs — Citizen complaint procedure for certain categorical federal programs

Management Resource:
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