

SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT

The District has developed and will amend, as appropriate, a written *Code of Conduct* for the Maintenance of Order on School Property, including school functions, which shall govern the conduct of students, teachers and other school personnel, as well as visitors and/or vendors. The Board of Education will further provide for the enforcement of this *Code of Conduct*.

For purposes of this policy, and the *Code of Conduct*, school property means in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of the District's elementary or secondary schools, or in or on a school bus; and a school function shall mean a school-sponsored extracurricular event or activity regardless of where the event or activity takes place, including those that take place in another state.

The District *Code of Conduct* has been developed in collaboration with student, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel.

The District *Code of Conduct* will be adopted by the Board only after at least one public hearing that provided for the participation of school personnel, parents or persons in parental relation, students, and any other interested parties.

The District *Code of Conduct* will be reviewed on an annual basis, and updated as necessary in accordance with law. The District may establish a committee to facilitate review of its *Code of Conduct* and the District's response to violations. The Board will reapprove any updated *Code of Conduct* or adopt revisions only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents or persons in parental relation, students, and any other interested parties. The District will file a copy of its *Code of Conduct* and any amendments with the Commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner, no later than 30 days after their respective adoptions. (The *Code of Conduct* is submitted through the NYSED Application Business Portal as a part of the School Safety and Educational Climate data reporting.)

The Board will ensure community awareness of its *Code of Conduct* by:

- a) Posting the complete *Code of Conduct* on the Internet website, including any annual updates and other amendments to the Code;
- b) Providing copies of a summary of the *Code of Conduct* to all students in an age-appropriate version, written in plain language, at the beginning of each school year;
- c) Providing a plain language summary of the *Code of Conduct* to all parents or persons in parental relation to students before the beginning of each school year and making the summary available thereafter upon request;

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- d) Providing each existing teacher with access to the complete *Code of Conduct* and any amendments by posting the latest version on the District website as soon as practicable following initial adoption or amendment. New teachers will be directed to the website for a complete copy of the current *Code of Conduct* upon their employment; and
- e) Making the complete *Code of Conduct* available on the District website for review by students, parents, or persons in parental relation to students, other school staff, and other community members.

Privacy Rights

As part of any investigation, the District has the right to search all school property and equipment including District computers. Rooms, desks, cabinets, lockers, computers, etc. are provided by the District for the use of staff and students, but the users do not have exclusive use of these locations or equipment and should not expect that materials stored therein will be private.

Education Law §§ 801-a, 2801 and 3214
Family Court Act Articles 3 and 7
Vehicle and Traffic Law § 142
8 NYCRR § 100.2

NOTE: Refer also to District *Code of Conduct*

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