

POLICY

2012

Community Relations

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education recognizes that the primary purpose of the district is to provide an atmosphere conducive to learning and education. Any action by an individual or group aimed at disrupting, interfering with or delaying the educational process or having such effect, is hereby declared to be in violation of this policy and the District Code of Conduct. The Board shall ensure that the District Code of Conduct contains provisions to govern public conduct on school property.

The Board also recognizes its responsibility to protect school property and declares its intent to take appropriate legal action to prevent damage to or destruction of school property. The Board will also seek restitution from, and prosecution of, any person who willfully or negligently damages school property.

It is not the intent of this policy to limit freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. The Board recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of a school district. The purpose of this policy and the Code of Conduct provisions are to prevent abuse of the rights of others and to maintain public order, not to prevent or restrain controversy or dissent.

Cross-ref: 1240-R, Visitors to the Schools
5230, Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities
5312, Prohibited Conducted
8135, Safe Schools

Ref: Education Law §2801

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