

## What are consequences for violating the Student Code of Conduct and Board of Education Policies?

Students that violate rules in the Student Code of Conduct and Board of Education Policies will receive disciplinary consequences. These consequences may include:

- Verbal or written warnings to the student
- Removal of classroom and/or school privileges
- Removal from the classroom
- Lunch detention, after-school detention and/or Saturday school
- In-school suspension (five school days or less)
- Short-term suspension from school (five school days or less)
- Long-term suspension from school (six to ten school days)
- Extended suspension from school not to exceed 90 school days
- Expulsion from school not to exceed 186 school days

## What is the process for disciplining students?

The authority to suspend, to propose an extended suspension or expulsion is delegated to the principal or designee by the Board of Education in Policy 5113 and laws of the State of Kansas. When a pupil receives a short-term suspension, the pupil must be given notice of the charges verbally and in writing and provided with an informal hearing.

The hearing includes the rights of the pupil:

- to be present at the hearing;
- to be informed of the charges;
- to be informed of the basis for the accusation; and
- to make statements in defense of the charges.

Pupils proposed to be suspended for an extended term or to be expelled shall be given written notice of a formal hearing; provided procedural due process rights and provided an appeal process as listed in Policy 5113. When considering possible courses of action for disabled pupils in regard to alleged violations of school rules, policies and regulations, procedural due process rights are guaranteed under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), applicable Kansas statutes and regulations.

## Where can parents receive additional information?

Students and parents may direct questions about the Student Code of Conduct and Board of Education Policies to their school principal. Additionally, parents may also contact the Wichita Public Schools Parent and Community Support Network Mediator for information at 973-4668.

The Wichita Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap/disability, age or religion. Persons having inquiries may contact the ADA and Section 504 district coordinator at 973-4420.

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## A Guide for Parents and Students



# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Wichita Public Schools—Unified School District 259

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Wichita Public Schools students deserve a safe, orderly and successful school where they can achieve their very best!

## The Wichita Public Schools Board of Education

knows that the vast majority of our students behave in a reasonable and respectful manner. These students understand that safe and orderly behaviors are necessary to ensure they are successful in school. That commitment is the key to student success.

### Why we have a Student Code of Conduct?

The purpose of our Student Code of Conduct, which reflects our Board of Education Policies, is to communicate clear expectations for student behavior. Proper student behavior is necessary to ensure academic success, order, safety and the best possible learning environment.



## What are our behavior expectations for students?

All students are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, considerate manner with care for the safety and welfare of others at school, at school sponsored activities and on school buses being used to transport students for the school district.

### According to our Student Code of Conduct, students are expected to:

- **Work to the best of their ability**  
to strive for the highest level of academic achievement
  - **Attend school every day,**  
be in class on time and be prepared to learn
  - **Show respect**  
for teachers, principals, other school staff and students
  - **Be honest and truthful**
  - **Contribute to a safe and orderly environment**  
by following the school rules for student behavior and dress
  - **Be kind and considerate**  
of all people at school
  - **Respect school property**  
and the property of others
  - **Seek help from school staff**  
for learning difficulties, for solving behavior concerns and to solve conflicts
  - **Set goals for learning**  
and strive to accomplish the goals
  - **Accept responsibility**  
for their actions and their education
  - **Report information to school staff**  
that may help prevent injury or danger to others at school
- Parents, teachers, principals, other school staff and caring community members are needed to support and assist students in reaching these behavior expectations.



## What types of behaviors are not allowed under our Student Code of Conduct?

The Student Code of Conduct and Board of Education Policies prohibit student behavior at school, at school sponsored activities, and on buses being used to transport students for the school district that are:

### ■ Violent

**which includes hitting, fighting, inappropriate touching, bullying, threatening words or actions and the possession and use of weapons.**

(BOE Policies: P1116 Sexual Harassment of Students; P1119 Harassment of Pupils Based on Race, Color, Religion, Gender, National Origin, or Disability; P1359 Pupil Safety and Protection; P1462 Pupil Behavior-Assault and/or Battery of Staff Member; P1464 Pupil Behavior-Regulations; P1466 Possession or Use of Weapons; P5113 Suspension and/or Expulsion of Pupils)

### ■ Disobedient

**which is the failure to comply with the reasonable directions of school staff and failing to follow school rules.**

(BOE Policies: P1464 Pupil Behavior-Regulations; P5113 Suspension and/or Expulsion of Pupils)

### ■ Dishonest

**which includes stealing, cheating, plagiarism and lying.**

(BOE Policies: P1464 Pupil Behavior-Regulations; P5113 Suspension and/or Expulsion of Pupils)

### ■ Destructive

**which includes destroying, defacing or vandalizing school property and the property of others.**

(BOE Policies: P1464 Pupil Behavior-Regulations; P5113 Suspension and/or Expulsion of Pupils)

### ■ Disruptive

**which includes actions that interfere with the learning process for students and the teacher's ability to teach.**

(BOE Policies: P1464 Pupil Behavior-Regulations; P1465 Pupil Behavior-Alcohol, Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia, and/or Other Controlled Substances; P1473 Standardized Dress Codes-Regulations; P5112 Pupil Classroom Discipline; P5113 Suspension and/or Expulsion of Pupils)

Parents and students may request a copy of these Board of Education Policies from their school principal.

## What are zero tolerance policies?

The Wichita Public School District has three zero tolerance policies. If the evidence determines that a student's behavior violates any of the three policies, the student will be disciplined with a 186 school day expulsion from all Wichita Public Schools. These severe consequences for the prohibited behaviors are necessary to protect all students and staff in our school district.

The zero tolerance behavior policies are:

- BOE Policy 1462 - Pupil Behavior- Assault and/or Battery of Staff Member
- BOE Policy 1465 - Pupil Behavior-Alcohol, Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia, and/or Other Controlled Substances
- BOE Policy 1466 - Possession or Use of Weapons