

MASON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy JIC: Student Conduct

Category: Priority/Required

A. General Policy.

The School Board is committed to promoting a safe, healthy, orderly and supportive school and learning environment. To achieve that for all, it is important for students to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration other students, District personnel and other members of the community. Students are expected and required to maintain appropriate behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption while on School District property or on property within the jurisdiction of the School District (including vehicles); and/or while attending or engaged in school activities.

Expectations for student conduct and standards of behavior shall be communicated through written Board policies, as well as District and/or school rules.

Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors, and/or violates the Student Code of Conduct, or classroom rules is prohibited. Response to violations of the Student Code of Conduct however, should be designed to maximize student academic, emotional and social success, while at the same time assuring safety of all students, staff and school visitors. With this objective, the Board endorses adoption of a Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness ("MTSS-B") as the framework for the Code of Conduct. District personnel who interact with students are expected to utilize progressive disciplinary measures, and to place emphasis on educating students so they may grow in self-discipline. Suspensions and expulsions shall be administered consistent with the applicable Code of Conduct and Board policy JICD.

B. Student Code of Conduct

The School Board delegates to the Superintendent, in consultation with the appropriate building Principal and counselors, the responsibility of adopting and implementing a Student Code of Conduct with such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she deems necessary to implement the objectives of this policy. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted to the School Board for review each year, with the applicable student handbook. Consistent with the Board's statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations and procedures, the School Board retains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any provision of the Student Code of Conduct.

The Student Code of Conduct shall include:

1. a graduated and age-appropriate system of supports and intervention strategies, such as:
 - parent conferences,
 - counseling,
 - peer mediation,
 - instruction in conflict resolution and anger management,
 - parent counseling and training,
 - community service, and
 - rearranging class schedules;
2. graduated and age-appropriate disciplinary consequences such as:
 - restriction from extra-curricular activities,
 - temporary (same day) removal from class or activity,
 - detention,
 - temporary reassignment/in-school suspension,
 - out-of-school suspension, and
 - expulsion;
3. provisions describing how and when short term suspensions of up to 5 days, short-term suspensions up to 10 days, long-term suspensions up to 20 days, and/or expulsion should be imposed. These standards shall make reference to and reflect:
 - the nature and degree of disruption caused to the school environment;
 - the threat to the health and safety of pupils and school personnel, volunteers or visitors;
 - whether the conduct or behavior is isolated or repeated;
 - that temporary (same day) removal from classrooms or activities, restriction from activities, detentions, suspensions and expulsions shall comport with applicable laws, regulations and Board policy JICD; and
4. information regarding RSA 193:13, 193-D, this policy, Board policy JICD, and other Board policies or District/school rules regulating student conduct on and off-campus.

C. Implementation and Notice.

The Superintendent shall assure that the Student Code of Conduct, complete with the information set out in section B.4, above, shall be printed in full in each student handbook, made available to parents at the beginning of the school year, publicly available on the school, District and, if different, the SAU district websites. The online publications of the Code(s) of Conduct shall be ADA compliant (see also Board policy KEE). Additionally, Building Principals shall ensure that verbal recitation of the applicable Code of Conduct is available as needed.

Except where the complete text of a statute, regulation or policy is required, the Code of Conduct should include age-appropriate language. E.g., summaries for elementary grade levels.

Additionally, building Principal(s) shall assure student awareness of the Code of Conduct and other District policies and building rules through print, postings and periodic announcements.

D. Parental Notification of Simple Assaults.

Pursuant to RSA 193-D:4, I (b), the Superintendent is directed to adopt and implement procedures requiring parents/guardians of each student involved in a simple assault (victim and perpetrator) occurring during the school day, when such assault causes: any form of bodily injury, including bruising or discoloration, or would otherwise constitute a disciplinable offense under the Student Code of Conduct. For purposes of this policy, "simple assault" shall have the same meaning as that provided in RSA 631:2-a (a simple assault occurs when one purposefully or knowingly causes bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact with another; or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon).

E. Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities.

If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the New Hampshire RSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any class or activity removal, suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

District Policy History:

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NH Statutes

RSA 135-F:5

RSA 193-D:4

RSA 193:13

Description

[System of Care for Children/Duties of Commissioner of Dept. of Education](#)

[Written Report Required \(Safe School Zones\)](#)

[Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils](#)

RSA 631:2-a

NH Dept of Ed Regulation

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed

306.04(b)(3)(e)

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.06

N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 317.04(b)

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Cross References

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[Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence](#)

[Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)

[Student Dress Code](#)

[Student Conduct on School Buses](#)

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[Student Discipline and Due Process](#)

[Student Discipline and Due Process - Memorandum of Understanding](#)

[Student Discipline/Out-of-School Actions](#)

[Weapons on School Property](#)

[Unauthorized Communication Devices](#)

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[Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention](#)

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[Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention - Bullying Report Form](#)

[Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention - School Board Notification of Bullying Report](#)

[Student Protests, Demonstrations and Strikes](#)

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