

School – Community Relations
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Policy Title Public Conduct on School Premises Code No. 1003.5

The board expects that students, employees, and visitors will treat each other with respect, engage in responsible behavior, exercise self-discipline and model fairness, equity, and respect. Individuals violating this policy will be subject to discipline. Students will be disciplined consistent with the student conduct policies. Employees will be disciplined consistent with employee discipline policies and laws. Others will be subject to discipline according to this policy.

School sponsored or approved activities are an important part of the school program and offer students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities not offered during the regular school day. School sponsored or approved activities are provided for the enjoyment and opportunity for involvement they afford the students.

Individuals are permitted to attend school sponsored or approved activities or visit school premises as guests of the school district, and, as a condition, they must comply with the school district's rules and policies. Individuals will not be allowed to interfere with or disrupt the educational programs or activities of the school district. Visitors, like students and employees, are expected to display mature, responsible behavior. The failure of individuals to do so is not only disruptive but embarrassing to the students, the school district, and the entire community.

To protect the rights of students to participate in the educational programs or activities without fear of interference or disruption and to permit the school officials, employees, and activity sponsors and officials to perform their duties without interference or disruption, the following provisions are in effect:

- Abusive, verbal, or physical conduct of individuals directed at students, school officials, employees, officials, activity sponsors, or other individuals will not be tolerated at school or at school activities.
- Verbal or physical conduct of individuals that interferes with the performances of students, school officials, employees, officials, activity sponsors of sponsored or approved activities will not be tolerated.
- The use of vulgar, obscene, or demeaning expression directed at students, school officials, employees, officials, and activity sponsors of sponsored or approved activities participating in a sponsored or approved activity or at other individuals will not be tolerated.

If an individual becomes physically or verbally abusive, uses vulgar, obscene, or demeaning expression, or in any way interrupts learning or school activities, the individual may be removed from the school and/or event by the individual in charge of the event.

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Individuals removed from school premises have the ability to follow the board's chain of command and complaint policies should they choose to do so. The exclusion is in effect should the individual choose to appeal the decision of the superintendent. The term "individual" as used in the policy also includes students and employees.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board shall cause a notice of exclusion from sponsored or approved activities to be sent to the individual involved. The notice shall advise the individual of the school district's right to exclude the individual from school district activities and events and the duration of the exclusion. If an individual has been notified of exclusion and thereafter tries to enter a school building or attends a sponsored or approved activity, the individual will be advised that his/her attendance will result in prosecution. The school district may obtain a court order for permanent exclusion from the school building or from future school sponsored or approved activities.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8, .66; 716.7 (2007)

Cross Reference: 205 Board Member Liability
504 Student Activities
802.6 Vandalism
903 Public Participation in the School District

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