

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN

DISTRICT BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

Standard #1: **Students shall engage in behaviors that allow for classroom learning in a positive environment.**

Rationale: *Schools are for learning and require a reasonably ordered environment in order to conduct the instructional process. Students who cause serious disruptions to the classroom climate shall be removed from the school environment until the student and the parent/legal guardian can provide assurances that such behavior will not be repeated.*

Standard #2: **Students shall help in maintaining an environment free from physical, sexual, verbal harassment.**

Rationale: *Every child and adult has a right to a safe school environment. Adults must ensure that a safe environment exists for all children. Students who persist in behavior that clearly harasses other individuals shall be removed from the school environment until the student and the parent/legal guardian can provide assurances that such behavior will not be repeated.*

Standard #3: **Students shall behave in a respectful manner.**

Rationale: *Student compliance with reasonable requests or directives from staff members is expected conduct in the District. It is also expected that requests or directives or the exercise of legitimate authority by school personnel will be civil, reasonable and courteous. Students who refuse to cooperate, when these conditions have been met, will be removed from the school environment until the student and the parent/legal guardian can provide assurances that such behavior will not be repeated.*

Standard #4: **Students shall engage in behaviors free from assault, intimidation, or other forms of violence.**

Rationale: *Violent behavior may have become commonplace in our society but has no place in the school environment. The schoolhouse, playground, bus, athletic fields, and all other school-owned properties must be safe places for children and adults, free from those who would use violent behavior. Such behavior will result in removal from the school environment, and could result in expulsion from school.*

Standard #5: **Students shall use appropriate language in the school environment.**

Rationale: *Profanity has become commonplace in the media, on television, and in movies. One can argue that its use is so common that it has little importance except to be irritating. We strongly believe that it has no place in the school environment and warn those who use hard core profanity or persist in the use of less commonly used profanity that they will be removed from the school environment until the student and the parent/legal guardian can provide assurances that such behavior will not be repeated.*

Standard #6: Students shall respect the property of the school and others' personal property.

Rationale: *The destruction, damaging or defacing of property will result in immediate suspension from school with consideration by the Board for an expulsion. Breakage or defacement of school property, due to horseplay or vandalism (including material and labor to replace such breakage), shall be paid by the student or students involved. The District shall take legal action, if necessary, to hold students and parents/legal guardians responsible for the restoration of any damaged property.*

Students who steal will be separated from the school environment until assurances are made that such behaviors will not be repeated and when the restoration and return of the property has occurred. Repetition of such behavior could result in an expulsion.

Standard #7: Students shall help in maintaining an environment free from weapons, drugs, or objects that are harmful to themselves or others.

Rationale: *Possession of weapons or controlled substances will result in an expulsion hearing held by the Board to determine if an expulsion order should be issued separating the student from the school environment.*

Standard #8: Students shall help in maintaining an environment providing for the safety of others.

Rationale: *Occasionally, an individual will cross the line endangering the lives of many, if not all, the people who inhabit the school environment (e.g. – bomb threats, false fire alarms, etc.). Such a transgression is a serious offense and will result in expulsion proceedings against the student.*

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes §§ Sections 118.13, 118.164, 120.13(1)(a), 121.52(2); PI 9.03(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

Cross References: 443 Rule - Code of Classroom Conduct, 363.2 Internet Safety and Acceptable Use, 411 Rule - Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures, 443.4 Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use, 443.5 Electronic Communication Devices on School Premises, 447.1 Use of Physical Force by Staff, 512 Employee Harassment, 830 Use of Facilities and Grounds, Athletic/Activities Code of Conduct, Student Handbooks

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