

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education recognizes that the primary purpose of the District is to provide a safe, respectful, and orderly atmosphere conducive to learning and education. To create and maintain this kind of an environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on school property and at school functions. Any action by an individual or group aimed at disrupting, interfering, or delaying the education process or having such effect, is hereby declared to be in violation of Board policy. As required by Education Law §2801, the District's Code of Conduct and the associated regulation to this policy (see 1520-R) are designed to implement this policy and maintain order on school property. Further, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to establish any procedures or protocols necessary to implement this policy and/or its associated regulation.

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

The restrictions on public conduct on school property and at school functions are not intended 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 these restrictions is to prevent abuse of the rights of others and to maintain public order, not to prevent or restrain controversy or dissent.

Cross Ref: 5300 Code of Conduct

Ref: Education Law §§414; 2801
General Municipal Law §§185 – 195-r
9 NYCRR §§4600.1 – 4831.19 (Division of Charitable Gaming)

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