

**PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
AND/OR AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS**

The District is committed to providing an orderly, respectful environment that is conducive to learning. To create and maintain this kind of an environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on school property and at school functions. For purposes of this policy, “public” shall mean all persons when on school property or attending a school function including students, and all District personnel.

The restrictions on public conduct on school property and at school functions contained in this policy are not intended to limit freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. The District recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of the District. The purpose of this policy is to maintain public order and prevent abuse of the rights of others.

All persons on school property or attending a school function shall conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. In addition, all persons on school property or attending a school function are expected to be properly attired for the purpose they are on school property.

These rules shall apply to all school property and school functions. These rules may be supplemented by any additional regulations or Code of Conduct adopted by the Board of Education or the Commissioner of Education. These regulations shall govern the conduct of students, teachers, other District employees, licensees, invitees, and other persons, whether or not their presence is authorized, on school property.

Definitions

School property means in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of a school; or in or on a school bus; or at school-sponsored functions on non-school property.

School function means a school-sponsored extracurricular event or activity.

Cross-Reference: 1240, Visitors to Schools
 1500, Public Use of School Facilities
 5300, Code of Conduct
 5311.1, Student Due Process Rights
 5320, Student Conduct on School Buses

Reference: Education Law §§ 2801, 3020-a, 3214
 Civil Service Law § 75
 Penal Law §§ 140.00, 140.10, 240.35

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**PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
AND/OR AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS REGULATION**

Prohibited Conduct

No person, either alone or with others, shall:

1. Willfully cause physical injury to any other person, nor threaten to do so, for the purpose of compelling or inducing any other person to perform or refrain from performing any act.
2. Engage in threats, intimidation and/or extortion of any other person.
3. Physically restrain or detain any other person, nor remove such person from any place where such person is authorized to remain.
4. Intentionally damage or destroy school district property or the personal property of a teacher, administrator, other District employee, or any person lawfully on school property, including graffiti.
5. Disrupt the orderly conduct of classes, school programs, or other school activities.
6. Distribute or wear materials on school grounds or at school functions that are obscene, advocate illegal action, appear libelous, obstruct the rights of others, or are disruptive to the school program.
7. Intimidate, harass, or discriminate against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, creed, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression).
8. Enter any portion of the school premises without authorization or remain in any building or facility after it is normally closed.
9. Obstruct the free movement of persons and vehicles in any place to which this policy applies.
10. Refuse to comply with any reasonable order of identifiable school district officials performing their duties.
11. Loiter.
12. Willfully set fire to school property, tamper with or obstruct any safety device, such as fire extinguishers, alarm systems, posted fire regulations, water sprinklers, or fire doors, fail to conform to fire drill procedure, or tamper with any communications, heating, lighting, or power system.

13. Make, or cause to be made, bomb threats, false alarms, or false reports of school closings or cancellations of school events.
14. Deliberately disrupt or prevent the peaceful and orderly conduct of classes and meetings, administration, disciplinary procedures or District activities, or deliberately interfere with the freedom of any person to express personal views, including invited speakers.
15. Use any profane or obscene language.
16. Violate District policy concerning the use of motor vehicles on school property, District parking regulations, or violate the traffic laws or other restrictions on vehicles.
17. Cause disruption on or interfere with the operation of District buses.
18. Picket or demonstrate contrary to the concept of acceptable conduct set forth in Policy 1520, Public Conduct on School Property and/or at school functions.
19. Possess, consume, sell, distribute or exchange alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or be under the influence of either on school property or at a school function.
20. Possess or use weapons, except in the case of law enforcement officers or except as specifically authorized by the school district.
21. Bring onto school property or to allow on school property any animal unless it is leashed, caged or confined and will be responsible for cleaning up and removing all excrement deposited by said animal on school property. Signs may be posted at appropriate locations on school property when deemed necessary.
22. Willfully incite others to commit any other acts herein prohibited with specific intent to procure them to do so.
23. Violate any federal or state statute, local ordinance, or Board policy.

Penalties

Persons who violate this policy shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. Any Person or Organization with a Building Permit: The authorization, if any, to remain on school property or at school functions shall be withdrawn and they shall be directed to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave, they shall be subject to ejection. Law enforcement may be called if deemed necessary.
2. Licensee or Invitee: Their authorization, if any, to remain on school grounds or at the school function shall be withdrawn and they shall be directed to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave, they shall be subject to ejection. Law enforcement may be called if deemed necessary.

3. Trespasser or Visitor: Without specific license or invitation, their authorization, if any, to remain on school grounds or at the school function shall be withdrawn and they shall be directed to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave, they shall be subject to ejection. Law enforcement may be called if deemed necessary

Enforcement

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be responsible for enforcing the conduct required by this policy.

When the Superintendent or his/her designee sees an individual engaged in prohibited conduct, which in his/her judgment does not pose any immediate threat of injury to persons or property, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall tell the individual that the conduct is prohibited and attempt to persuade the individual to stop. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall also warn the individual of the consequences for failing to stop. If the person refuses to stop engaging in the prohibited conduct, or if the person's conduct poses an immediate threat of injury to persons or property, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall have the individual removed immediately from school property or the school function. If necessary, local law enforcement authorities will be contacted to assist in removing the person.

The District reserves its right to pursue a civil or criminal legal action against any person violating the policy.

Criminal Charges

Many of the acts prohibited by these regulation also constitute violation of the Penal Law of the State of New York. In such cases, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee may request the school attorney to initiate criminal charges in addition to the disciplinary procedures provided herein or in place of such procedures.

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