

## **Community Relations**

### **Relations Between Public and School Personnel**

#### **Conduct on School Property**

The Board of Education expects mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all individuals on school property or at school events. District staff will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and expect the same in return. The Board is committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes in keeping schools and administrative offices free from disruptions and preventing unauthorized persons from entering school/district grounds.

It is not intended to deprive any individual of his/her First Amendment Rights but only to maintain to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free environment for students and staff.

In the interest of presenting Board members and District employees as positive role models to the students as well as to the community, the Board encourages positive communication and discourages volatile, hostile or aggressive actions. The Board seeks public cooperation with this endeavor.

Based upon the above, the Board expects that no person on school property or at a school event shall:

1. Injure, threaten, harass or intimidate a staff member, Board member or any other person;
2. Damage or threaten to damage another's property;
3. Damage or deface District property;
4. Violate any Connecticut law or town/city ordinance;
5. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products;
6. Consume, possess, distribute, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or possess dangerous instruments or weapons;
7. Impede, delay, or otherwise interfere with the orderly conduct of the District's educational program or any other activity occurring on school property;
8. Enter upon any portion of the school premises at any time for purposes other than those which are lawful and authorized by the Board;
9. Operate a motor vehicle in a risky manner or in violation of an authorized District employee's directive; or
10. Violate other District policies or regulations or an authorized District employee's directive.

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Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt normal school or office operations; threatens the health and safety of students or staff; willfully causes property damage; uses loud or offensive language; or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on District property, will be directed to leave the premises by a member of the administrative staff or his/her designee.

(cf. 1110.1 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 1120 - Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings)

(cf. 1250 - Visits to Schools)

(cf. 1251 - Loitering or Causing Disturbances)

(cf. 1310 - Relations Between the Public and School Personnel)

(cf. 1312 - Public Complaints)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 1700 - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property)

(cf. 6145.71 - Use of Alcohol by Adults)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-225 Meetings of the government agents to be public.

1-232 Conduct of the meeting

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rule(s), policies, and procedures.

10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education.

10-239 Use of school facilities for other purposes.

53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C misdemeanor.

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#### **Public Conduct at School Activities**

Spectators at school-sponsored or approved activities are permitted and encouraged to attend as guests of the District, and, accordingly as a condition of such permission they must comply with the District's rules and policies. Spectators will not be allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of the students participating, other spectators or with the performance of employees and officials supervising the school sponsored or approved activities. Spectators, like the student participants, are expected to display mature behavior and sportsmanship.

To protect the rights of students to participate without fear of interference and to allow sponsors and officials of such activities to perform without interferences, the following provisions shall be in effect:

- Abusive, verbal or physical conduct of spectators directed at participants, officials or staff involved in such activities will not be tolerated.
- Verbal or physical conduct of spectators that interferes with the performance of students, officials or staff involved in such activities will not be tolerated.
- The use of vulgar, obscene or demeaning expression directed at students, officials or staff participating in such activities will not be tolerated.

If a spectator at an approved or sponsored activity becomes physically abusive, verbally abusive, uses vulgar, obscene or demeaning language or in any way impedes the performance of an activity, the spectator may be asked to leave the event by the school official in charge of the event. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee may recommend, to the Board of Education, the exclusion of the spectator at future sponsored or approved activities.

(cf. 1250 – Visits to the Schools)

(cf. 1251 - Loitering or Causing Disturbances)

(cf. 1316 – Conduct on School Property)

(cf. 1331 – Smoke Free Environment)

(cf. 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property)

(cf. 3517.2 – Vandalism)

(cf. 5131.5 – Vandalism)

(cf. 6145.22 – Sportsmanship)

(cf. 6145.71 – Use of Alcohol by Adults)

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