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STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board of Education believes that the establishment of and adherence to high standards of conduct for and by the students is a requisite to the accomplishment of the educational goals of the district and to the district and to the assurance of good citizenship during the students adult life.

All student behavior in the schools should be based on respect and consideration for the rights of others.

Students have the right to know, from the opening of school, the rules and regulations which express standards of acceptable conduct. All policies regarding student conduct and discipline shall be uniformly enforced and distributed annually to the students, parents and staff of the district. They shall be furnished to the students in a Student Handbook.

Student Athletic and Activity Codes

A written set of training rules for those participating in interscholastic athletics shall be developed by the athletic department, students and administration. Such rules and subsequent changes shall be distributed to the Board of Education, faculty and athletic participants. There shall be rules and regulations (included in their constitution) relating to participation in other activities where the administration and /or advisor shall deem necessary and shall be similarly distributed. These codes shall be developed by the leaders of the activity and/or departments with participation by administration and students. Athletic and activity codes will pertain to satisfactory academic progress, good citizenship and, where appropriate, health and safety regulation. In addition, athletic codes shall pertain to alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, curfew and team conduct. Other topics, considered relevant and important by athletic departments, activity leaders and administration may be included in the codes. Violations of these codes may result in suspension, limitation of participation, limitation of attendance or expulsion form the sport or activity, except that usually the penalty for first violations should not exceed a three-week or three contests suspension. Codes shall protect the students rights to due process. Students may not participate in athletics or other activity until each has received and indicates, by signature, his awareness of the code.

Athletic and activity codes shall be reviewed at least every two years, and shall be subject to Board approval on those which the Board may designate. Coaches and advisors shall have the authority to carry out their responsibilities in the absence of a specific activity code.

Cross-ref: 5311.3, Student Complaints and Grievances 5312, Prohibited Conduct 8414.4, Video Cameras on School Buses **Ref:** Education Law ' '2801; 3214 **8 NYCRR '100.2(1)**