

Public Conduct on School Property

In accordance with Education Law 2801, the Board of Education adopts the following policy to maintain public order on school property.

Prohibited Conduct

The Board prohibits the following conduct or acts on school property by students, teachers, staff members, licensees, or invitees:

1. The willful physical injury of any person or the threat to use force which would result in such injury.
2. The harassment or coercion of any person.
3. The willful damage to, or destruction of, property.
4. The willful disruption of the orderly conduct of classes or of any other school program or activity.
5. The entry of any school building or upon any portion of the school premises unless such entry is made in connection with official business with the District or to attend an activity or function authorized thereby.
6. The willful interference with the lawful and authorized activities of others.
7. The possession, consumption, or exchange of alcoholic beverages, unauthorized drugs, or narcotics on school property.
8. The possession or use of a knife, razor, ice pick, explosives, loaded cane, sword cane, machete, pistol, rifle, shotgun, pellet gun or any other object that reasonably can be considered a weapon, on property of the School District.
9. The violation of any federal or state statute, local ordinance or Board policy.
10. The refusal or failure of any person to comply with a lawful order or direction of an official of the School District in the performance of his or her duties.
11. The distribution or posting of any written material, pamphlets or posters without the prior written approval of the Superintendent.

Enforcement and Penalties

Any violation of the above shall be reported immediately to the building principal, who shall investigate the case thoroughly and make a written report to the Superintendent.

The principal or the Superintendent have the following options as to what penalty to impose:

1. Violators will be reprimanded.
2. Violators will be ordered to leave the school property immediately.
3. Police will be called and specific charge made under the proper penal code.
4. Any penalty authorized by Section 3214 of the Education Law or Board policies, if the violator is a student, provided the provisions pertaining to notice and hearing have been met.
5. Any penalty authorized under Section 3020-a of the Education Law, if the violator is a tenured teacher, provided the provisions pertaining to charges, notices, hearings, and findings have been complied with.

These regulations and the penalties are not considered to be inclusive or to preclude in any way the prosecution and conviction of any person for the violation of any federal or state law or local ordinance and the imposition of a fine or penalty provided for therein.

Filing of This Policy

The Superintendent shall file this policy and any amendments hereto with the Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Education within ten days after the adoption date.