

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

The District recognizes and accepts its responsibility to create, foster, and maintain an orderly and safe class environment, conducive to teaching and to the learning process. Every member of the school community is expected to cooperate in this critical mission. Staff, including administrators and teachers, must use their training, experience, and authority to create a school and classes where effective learning is possible. Students are expected to come to school, and to every class, ready and willing to learn. Parents should be aware of their children's activities, performance, and behavior in school, and are asked to cooperate and consult with the school to prevent or address problems.

The District has a legal duty to make its school as free as possible of the dangers of violence, weapons, drugs, and other behavior harmful to the educational environment. This duty is enforced through the District's rules on suspension and expulsion (see student handbooks), which provide procedures by which students may be removed from the school community either temporarily, or in the case of certain expulsions, permanently. In the case of suspension and expulsion, the District will follow the regulations and procedures as provided under state statute and protect all rights of students during and after the suspension/expulsion proceeding.

Equally important, the district owes its students the opportunity to attend school as free as possible from unnecessary distraction and disruption. This behavior, while not necessarily so serious or pervasive to warrant suspension or expulsion, can be nearly as destructive to the educational environment. Such behavior warrants that the student be removed temporarily from the class (short term or temporary removal). Such removal should serve the purpose of eliminating the disruption, reinforcing the District's strong commitment to an appropriate educational environment and or provide a "cooling off" period.

Short term removal will be the decision of the teacher at the moment when the removal is necessary to maintain a quality educational environment for all students. Long term removal or suspension shall be the decision of the building principal applying the rules and policies of the student handbook as printed for that school year. Longer term or permanent removal (expulsion) will be a decision of the school board based on a recommendation from the district administrator.

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