

## **POLICY 506 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

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- I. The School Board recognizes that in order for the District to achieve its mission, a safe and healthy learning environment is essential. Students, therefore, must conduct themselves in a manner that maintains a climate in which learning can take place. It is the School Board's position that when it becomes necessary to implement disciplinary measures, those measures should be implemented in a manner that is fair and equitable and that provides a learning opportunity for students that forms a basis for future self-discipline and student achievement.
- II. The School Board and District administrators will support personnel who, in dealing with behavioral matters, act in accordance with federal law, Minnesota Statutes, including 121A.40-121A.56 - The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, and 121A.60-121A.61 - Discipline and Removal of Students from Class, state rules relating to education, School Board policies, and building regulations.
- III. This Policy 506 - Student Discipline applies district-wide on school property and at all school-related activities, trips and functions, whether on or off school property, school bus stops, school buses, or any vehicle approved for District purposes, and the area or entrance to or departure from school premises or events for all students regardless of age. With respect to non-school functions, student conduct occurring off school property that is brought to the attention of the District and that creates a substantial disruption or material interference with the school environment or school activities may also be subject this policy and related procedures..
- IV. Disciplinary action may result for student behavior which:
  - A. violates federal, state, or local laws;
  - B. violates School Board policies or building regulations;
  - C. disrupts the rights of others to an education;
  - D. disrupts the ability of school personnel to perform their duties;
  - E. disrupts school-sponsored or extracurricular activities;
  - F. results in theft, damage or destruction of school property; or
  - F. endangers the health, safety or welfare of any person, including other students, District employees, the offender or surrounding persons or property of the school.

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**Legal References:**

20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1487 – IDEA  
29 U.S.C. § 794 *et. seq.* – Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504  
34 C.F.R. § 300.530(e) – 300.536 – Discipline Procedures  
M.S. 121A.40-121A.56 – Pupil Fair Dismissal Act  
M.S. 121A.575 – Alternatives to Pupil Suspension  
M.S. 121A.582 – Student Discipline; Reasonable Force  
M.S. 121A.60-121A.61 – Discipline and Removal of Students from Class  
M.S. Ch. 125A – Students with Disabilities

**Cross References:**

Policy 502 – Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student’s Person  
Policy 503 – Attendance and Absences  
Policy 504 – Student Dress and Appearance  
Policy 514 – Bullying Prohibition  
Policy 516 – Student Medication  
Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy  
Policy 526 – Hazing Prohibition  
Policy 541 – Chemical Use and Abuse  
Policy 542 – Extended Educational Trips  
Policy 548 – Harassment and Violence  
Policy 550 – Suspension  
Policy 551 – Exclusion and Expulsion  
Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety  
Policy 726 – Student Conduct on Buses

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