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CONDUCT

Note: Under the federal Every Student Succeeds No Child Left Behind Act, districts must take steps to ensure student discipline and safety. School districts must identify the creation and maintenance of safe and disciplined classrooms as a high priority for district and school staff. District and school level safety and discipline policies and regulations should be revised, and district resources distributed as necessary, to reflect the high level of importance the district attaches to this objective. School districts are to develop clear standards for student conduct that are designed to ensure that the environment within each district school and classroom supports student learning. Consequences for violating these standards must be identified, as well as the procedures that school staff, families, and students must follow in order to resolve problems as they develop.

Note: 4 AAC 07.010 - 4 AAC 07.900 mandates the Board adopt policies on student rights and responsibilities; distribute and instruct students regarding these policies, and review these policies every three years. At a minimum, the policies must address routine discipline case procedure and chronic or serious discipline case procedure.

The School Board believes that all students have the right to a public education in a positive environment free from disruptions which interfere with teaching and learning activities. In order to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning, it is imperative that the Board, parents/guardians, students, teachers and the administration be cognizant of their responsibilities related to student conduct.

School Board

The Board is responsible for prescribing rules for the government and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction. Consequences for misconduct will be fair and developmentally appropriate in light of the circumstances. The Board holds the certificated personnel responsible for the proper conduct and control of students under their charge within the behavioral guidelines established by the Board in conjunction with the administration. The Board shall provide all reasonable support to certificated personnel with respect to student conduct and discipline. The Board shall exhibit and conduct itself so as to instill the respect and regard of the students, parents and general public.

Superintendent

The Superintendent or designee shall establish the necessary procedures to implement and enforce the Board's discipline policy. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of all students of the availability of the district's policy and procedures related to conduct and discipline.

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CONDUCT (continued)

Teachers

School Lead teacher Principal

The school <u>Lead Teacherprincipal or designee</u> shall initiate and enforce a set of school rules, in keeping with district policy and regulations, which facilitate effective learning and promote attitudes and habits of good citizenship.

The <u>Lead Teacherprincipal</u> or designee shall provide instruction to students regarding their rights and responsibilities.

The <u>Lead Teacheprincipal or designee</u> * shall support the classroom teacher in efforts to promote improved and acceptable behavior in students.

Teachers

Appropriate classroom behavior allows teachers to communicate more effectively with students. Teachers shall conduct a well-planned effective classroom program and initiate and enforce classroom rules that facilitate effective learning.

Teachers shall cooperate with administrators and other classroom teachers in enforcing general school rules and appropriate campus behavior.

Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians are expected to comply with the laws governing the conduct and education of their children. They shall also be expected to cooperate with school authorities regarding the behavior of their children. Parents/guardians may be held liable for misconduct of their children to the extent provided by law.

Students

Students shall be properly instructed in the rules and regulations pertaining to acceptable conduct as set by the Board. All students shall comply with the regulations of the school district, comply with the course of study and submit to the authority of the teachers and administration of the schools.

Students should have the freedom and be encouraged to express their individuality in any way as long as their conduct does not infringe upon the freedom of other students or interfere with the instructional program.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

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CONDUCT (continued)

Students who violate the law or the rules and regulations of the school district may be subject to the transfer to alternative programs, discipline, suspension, or expulsion.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline) (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension/Expulsion/Due Process)

Legal Reference

ALASKA STATUTES

14.33.110 - .140 Required school disciplinary and safety program

Legal Reference:

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 07.010 - 4 AAC 07.900 Student Rights and Responsibilities

UNITED STATES CODE

Every Student Succeeds Act, P.L. 114-95 (2015) No Child Left Behind Act, Title IV 4115, P.L. 107-110 (2002)

Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)

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