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Student Discipline and Code of Conduct

Creating School Expectations and Procedures for Pupil Discipline

The Board believes that a peaceful, orderly school environment is essential to quality education. In order to ensure an optimum learning climate, school site expectations for pupil discipline are to be enforced fairly, uniformly, and consistently.

All reasonable means shall be taken to protect against invoking disciplinary action against pupils on the basis of unfounded charges. School District personnel shall not inflict, or cause to be inflicted, corporal punishment or physical pain upon a pupil attending any school in the District. The privacy rights and other due process rights of pupils shall be adhered to as described by Federal and State law.

All school site rules, expectations, and consequences shall be strictly based on District policy, regulation, and existing law.

Procedures for the development of such expectations shall be established by the Superintendent. Special care shall be taken to solicit the views of the school community. The adoption of each school's discipline expectations are the responsibility of the school principal and the school site council.

Each school shall file an updated copy of its school discipline expectations and procedures with the District Superintendent and Board of Trustees on or before May 30 of each calendar year to be used during the following school year. The Board of Trustees shall prescribe procedures to provide written notice to continuing pupils at the beginning of each school year and to transfer pupils at the time of their enrollment in the school and to their parents or guardians. The expectations shall be reviewed, revised, and adopted by both the school principal and school site council annually.

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