Policy

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

*Code* **JK** *Issued* **DRAFT/19**

The board recognizes that it is essential for schools to maintain a safe and orderly environment to properly support student learning and achievement. Disciplinary measures will be aimed toward assisting each student in the development of self-control, social responsibility, and the acceptance of appropriate consequences for his or her actions.

All students are expected to conduct themselves with respect for others and in accordance with board policies, school rules, and applicable state and federal laws. Expectations for student behavior will be clear and will be communicated to staff, students, and parents/legal guardians. The district will periodically review and, if necessary, revise its procedures for disciplining students.

Policy JICDA, *Code of Conduct*, outlines the appropriate disciplinary consequences for students who violate policies, rules, laws, and/or whose conduct directly interferes with the district’s educational program or the operation and safe management of the schools. The Code of Conduct will be applied in a fair, just, and flexible manner that is in the best interest of each individual student and the school community as a whole. Each principal will have discretion to tailor disciplinary consequences to the facts and circumstances of each particular case.

Teachers are authorized to make and enforce rules for effective classroom management and to foster appropriate student behavior, subject to the direction and approval of each building principal. School-wide rules will be developed by the building principal with appropriate input from school staff, students, and parents/legal guardians and are subject to approval by the superintendent.

The board encourages parent/legal guardian involvement in matters of school discipline. Parents/Legal guardians will be advised of disciplinary measures taken to elicit their understanding and support. Schools will maintain a record of disciplinary actions taken.

The discipline, suspension, and/or expulsion of students will not be based on race, religion, sex, color, disability, national origin, immigrant status, English-speaking status, or any other applicable status protected by local, state, or federal law. Students with disabilities will be disciplined in accordance with applicable federal and state law and regulation.

Cf. JKA, JKD, JKE

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

 1. Section 59-19-90(3) - Authority of board to prescribe rules of student conduct.

 2. Section 59-63-210 - Grounds for suspension, expulsion, or transfer.

 3. Section 59-63-220 - Suspension by administrators.

 4. Section 59-63-230 - Notice of suspension; conferences with parents.

 5. Section 59-63-240 - Expulsion hearings.