

## **506 STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the Northfield School District's expectations for student conduct. Compliance with this policy will enhance the district's ability to maintain discipline and ensure that there is no interference with the educational process. The district will take appropriate disciplinary action when students fail to adhere to the expectations as established in the Student Citizenship Handbook established under this policy.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The Board of Education believes that discipline is the positive direction of behavior toward established standards of conduct, fully understood by all, and based upon reason, judgment, and the rights of others. School discipline is to be administered firmly, fairly, and with consideration for the maturity of the individual student.

### **III. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

Students must accept certain responsibilities regarding their behavior in school. Parents likewise, through teaching and example, have a responsibility to develop in their children an understanding of and respect for school, which includes support for rules and regulations that are necessary to protect the welfare of all.

It shall be the policy of the Northfield School District that the following will not be tolerated:

1. Disruption of the learning process
2. Interference with the orderly conduct of school and school activities
3. Infringement of the rights of others
4. Violations of public law

The Board of Education will support district personnel who, when dealing with students in disciplinary matters, act in accordance with state law, district policy, sound professional judgment, and individual building/program procedures.

The Board of Education delegates implementation of the policy on student discipline to the school administration, who shall develop and annually review sound disciplinary procedures with their teaching staff for their individual buildings as detailed in the Student Citizenship Handbook. The Student Citizenship Handbook, issued pursuant to this policy, shall be annually reviewed and approved by the School Board.

### **IV. DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY**

The district will notify students and parents of the existence and contents of this policy through the Student Citizenship Handbook, which shall be available online and by request from the district office.

Board of Education  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 659  
Northfield, Minnesota

***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota Students)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.232 (Character Development Education)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.26 (School Preassessment Teams)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.29 (Reporting; Chemical Abuse)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.575 (Alternatives to Pupil Suspension)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.582 (Reasonable Force)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.60-121A.61 (Removal From Class)  
Minn. Stat. § 122A.42 (General Control of Schools)  
Minn. Stat. § 123A.05 (Area Learning Center Organization)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.08 (Enrollment in Nonresident District)  
Minn. Stat. Ch.125A (Students With Disabilities)  
Minn. Stat. § 152.22 (Medical Cannabis; Definitions)  
Minn. Stat. § 152.22 (Medical Cannabis; Limitations)  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 260A (Truancy)  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 260C (Juvenile Court Act)  
20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1487 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)  
29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)  
34 C.F.R. § 300.530(e)(1) (Manifestation Determination)

***Cross References:***

Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)  
Policy 419 (Tobacco-Free Environment: Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices,  
and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction)  
Policy 501 (School Weapons)  
Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person)  
Policy 503 (Student Attendance)  
Policy 504 (Student Dress and Appearance)  
Policy 505 (Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and  
Employees)  
Policy 514 (Bullying Prohibition)  
Policy 524.2 (Acceptable Use of Technology and Telecommunications Systems By Students)  
Policy 525 (Violence Prevention)  
Policy 526 (Student Hazing Prohibition)  
Policy 527 (Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches)  
Policy 610 (Field Trips)  
Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)