

506 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish Northfield Public Schools' 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 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.

Parents/guardians/caregivers may contact building administration to discuss an infraction and consequence assigned if they have questions regarding the situation. Please refer to [Policy 103 Concerns or Complaint Resolution](#).

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.

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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 and Graduation Requirements 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 (Student Discipline; Reasonable Force)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.60 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.61 (Discipline and Removal of Students from Class)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.42 (General Control of Schools)
Minn. Stat. § 123A.05 (State-Approved Alternative Program Organization)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.08 (School Boards' Approval to Enroll in Nonresident District; Exceptions)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 125A (Special Education and Special Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 152.22, Subd. 6 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 152.23 (Limitations)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 260A (Truancy)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 260C (Juvenile Safety and Placement)
20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1487 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act)
29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)
34 C.F.R. § 300.530(e)(1) (Manifestation Determination)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 419 (Tobacco-Free Environment: Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 501 (School Weapons)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 503 (Student Attendance)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 505 (Distribution of Nonschool Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees)
Policy 507.5 (School Resource Officers)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 514 (Bullying Prohibition)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 524.2 (Acceptable Use of Technology and Telecommunications Systems By Students)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 525 (Violence Prevention)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 526 (Hazing Prohibition)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 527 (Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 610 (Field Trips)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 711 (Video Recording on School Buses)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 712 (Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses)