

PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT cont.

3. Engage in conduct that shows *disrespect* to any child or adult either attending or visiting the school or that is disruptive to the school.
 - a. Fail to listen to direction of the principal, teachers, or any school employees in charge of students.
 - b. Leave the classroom or school building without adult permission and/or supervision.
4. Engage in *violent behavior*.
 - a. Hit, kick, punch, bite, scratch or do any means of physical harm to another student or any adult in the school building.
 - b. Carry a weapon into the school including any object that can harm another person or that is seen as dangerous by the administrator of the school.
 - c. Threaten to use a weapon.
 - d. Damage or destroy personal property of another student or of an adult. This includes graffiti and destruction of school materials.
5. Engage in dangerous behavior that affects the safety or health of others.
 - a. Lie to an adult in school
 - b. Steal the property of the school or any person in the school.
 - c. Make false statements about others that could harm their reputation.
 - d. Smoke or use, possess, distribute, sell or exchange alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on school property.
 - e. Inappropriate using or sharing of prescription and/or over-the-counter drugs.
 - f. Gambling
 - g. Indecent exposure
 - h. Making a false report of fire or other catastrophe, misuse of 911, or discharging a fire extinguisher without cause.
6. Engage in academic misbehavior.
 - a. Cheat on a test or assignment.
 - b. Copy the work of another student or source without permission.
 - c. Changing grades or records without permission.
 - d. Assisting another student in any of the above actions.
7. Personal cell phones may be carried to school in book bags, but cannot be exposed or used in any way during school hours.

LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES

The logical consequences for the above student misbehavior may include the following:

- ◆ Removal from an activity
- ◆ Suspension from an activity
- ◆ A phone by either a staff member or an administrator to the child's parents/guardians
- ◆ A letter of apology to be written by the child and signed by the parent/guardian of the child
- ◆ A conference with either a staff member, administrator or both
- ◆ A formal behavior contract to be developed by school personnel with parental input
- ◆ Suspension from school

If an incident is considered to be an act of bullying/harassment, the principal will consult the Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC). If the act is determined to be an act of harassment and/or discrimination, a formal incident report is completed and signed by the principal and appropriate disciplinary measures taken. There is an assigned Dignity Act Coordinator for the district, as well as a coordinator for each elementary school in the district.

DISCIPLINE OF

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

All students with disabilities are expected to follow the above Code of Conduct. The Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is required by law to follow the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) of students with disabilities and must handle all disciplinary cases under IDEA and Article 89.

Bellerose Avenue

Elementary School



Code of Conduct

Handbook



Responsibility Safety

MISSION STATEMENT

The elementary schools of Northport-East Northport Union Free School District are committed to providing a safe and orderly environment where students may receive and staff delivers quality educational services without disruption or interference. This Code of Conduct, written for students, applies to all students, school personnel, parents and other visitors when on school property or attending a school function. We strive to create a positive learning environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity.

INTRODUCTION

This Code of Conduct has been written to follow the NYS SAVE Act and the NYS Dignity Act. The purpose of the Dignity Act is to give all students a safe and supportive environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, taunting, or intimidation. The district has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. We understand the importance of clearly defining these expectations for acceptable conduct, identifying possible consequences, and making sure that discipline, when necessary, is given promptly and fairly. Discipline is a process which encourages responsibility and caring for self and others. Our rules for discipline are firm, fair, and carried out with dignity. Each situation is an opportunity for the student to learn right from wrong and how to be a successful member of society.

STUDENT RIGHTS

The district is responsible for and committed to making sure that the rights given to students under state and federal law are followed. All students have the right to be treated fairly with respect and dignity on an equal basis regardless of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity), or sex.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

All students in the district have the responsibility to:

1. Be respectful to everyone, that is, to treat others the way you would like to be treated wherever you are while on school property.
2. Follow all school rules.
3. Value all property, which includes school and personal properties.
4. Have the courage to do what is right, for example, being an upstander when appropriate.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner in school and at school functions. Students dress, grooming and appearance shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt learning. Dressing in an inappropriate manner, wearing clothing that contains bad language, a negative message, or that can be seen as sexual in nature are prohibited.
2. Not include wearing items that discriminate against others on account of their race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, sex, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.
3. Wear appropriate footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.
4. Not wear hats in the classroom unless otherwise permitted for a school activity or for a medical or religious purpose.
5. Not wear clothing that promotes and/or endorses the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourages other illegal or violent activities.

PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

All students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and with regard for the rights and welfare of other students, school personnel, and other members of the school community, and for the care of school property. The rules of conduct listed below are to make sure that all individuals are safe and the rights and property of others are respected. Students who do not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these school rules will be required to accept the penalties for their behavior. Students will face logical consequences, including possible suspension from school, when they: (see next page)

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1. Engage in *bullying or harassing behaviors*.
 - a. Discriminate and/or harass on the basis of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or disability, thereby, significantly interfering with a student's educational performance; opportunities or benefits; conduct; and/or mental, emotional, or physical well-being.
 - b. Bully (physically, verbally, socially), or cyber-bully (taking place in or effecting the school environment)
 - c. Intimidate, harass, tease, taunt, haze, and/or threaten to hurt another student or adult.
2. Engage in *disorderly behavior*.
 - a. Run or scream in the hallway, lunchroom, auditorium, bathroom, or any classroom in the building.
 - b. Use foul language, including cursing, swearing, or sexually suggestive language or make rude hand gestures.
 - c. Violate the dress code as described above.
 - d. Get in the way of motor vehicles or pedestrians.
 - e. Misbehave on a school bus. This includes following the instructions of the bus driver at all times.
 - f. Engage in any behavior that interferes with the normal activities of the school community.
 - g. Trespass onto school property without permission from the administrator in charge of the building.
 - h. Misuse computer/electronic communications, including using (without permission) computers, software or Internet accounts; using inappropriate websites; or any other.
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