

**DEERFIELD COMMUNITY**

**CODE: 443**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DATE OF ADOPTION: 11/18/96**

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## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

Our school district wants to ensure that our schools are safe, courteous places where children and adults live in a positive supportive environment. To this end, we have heightened our attention on the matter of “good discipline”.

The Deerfield School District Board of Education has taken a very firm position on the matter of proper student behavior. We have carefully reviewed our disciplinary philosophy and reaffirmed a set of behaviors that will not be accepted or tolerated in our schools. Students will not engage in behavior that disrupts classroom learning or school activities.

We need your cooperation and support in this matter of holding all students accountable for inappropriate or unacceptable behavior. We need a partnership that will help us be successful in ensuring a climate in our district where students and adults alike live in a pleasant and courteous environment. Please go over this behavior code with your child so that you can be sure they understand our expectations. Please understand that failure on the part of our students to comply with any of these behavior expectations will result in their suspension from school and a significant conference with the family before we consider granting the student readmission to his/her school program.

We want to be proud of the social climate and educational atmosphere in our school. We know that this can happen if we work together.

## **DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BEHAVIOR STANDARDS**

- STUDENTS WILL NOT VERBALLY, PHYSICALLY, OR SEXUALLY HARASS OTHERS BASED ON SEX, RACE, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, CREED, PREGNANCY, MARITAL OR PARENTAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, OR LEARNING DISABILITY OR HANDICAP OR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT BEHAVE IN A DISRESPECTFUL OR DEFIANT MANNER. THIS RULE WILL HOLD DOUBLE CONSEQUENCES IN REGARDS TO BEHAVIOR WITH SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT ENGAGE IN VIOLENT OR HARMFUL PHYSICAL BEHAVIOR SUCH AS HITTING, BITING, PUSHING, SHOVING, POKING, PINCHING, GRABBING, KICKING, OR SPITTING.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT USE PROFANITY IN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT WILLFULLY DAMAGE, DEFACE, DESTROY, OR DISMANTLE SCHOOL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT STEAL SCHOOL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

- STUDENTS WILL NOT ENDANGER OTHERS, BY POSSESSION AND/OR DISTRIBUTION OF WEAPONS, OR UNLAWFULLY ENGAGING IN BOMB THREATS AND FALSE FIRE ALARMS
- STUDENTS WILL NOT POSSESS AND/OR DISTRIBUTE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR OTHER DRUGS/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, OR OBJECTS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. STUDENTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS WHEN ENGAGED IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, OR REPRESENTING DEERFIELD SCHOOLS, OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT CARRY OR HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION PAGERS, CELLULAR PHONES, OR ANY OTHER TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT WEAR CLOTHING WHICH DISPLAYS PICTURES, WRITING, OR ADVERTISING THAT REFERS TO ALCOHOLIC, BEVERAGES, TAVERNS, TOBACCO, DRUGS, NUDITY, PROFANITY/OFFENSIVE, OR SEXUALLY SUGGESTIVE MESSAGES. ALSO, STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR HATS, BANDANAS, OR OTHER HEAD COVERING ANYWHERE IN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF A BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR. STUDENTS WILL NOT DRESS OR GROOM IN A MANNER THAT PRESENTS A DANGER, HEALTH SAFETY CONCERNS OR INTERFERES WITH WORK OR CREATES CLASSROOM DISORDER.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY TYPE OF CHEATING TO BENEFIT THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.
- STUDENTS WILL NOT CAUSE DISRUPTION AND/OR INTIMIDATION BY GANG OR GROUP SYMBOLS OR GESTURES, GANG OR GROUP POSTURING TO PROVOKE ALTERCATIONS OR CONFRONTATIONS.