

POLICY – STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Re: Student Conduct in School and at School-Sponsored Activities

Purpose:

To establish an atmosphere that is conducive to teaching and learning, and to maintain an environment where all faculty, staff, and students treat each other with dignity, courtesy, and respect; to help students accept responsibility for their own behavior; and to preserve the rights of all students to attend schools where they are safe and free from harm.

Relevant To:

All students, faculty, and staff of the North Platte Public School District.

Responsible Officer:

Superintendent of Schools and Principals.

Modification History:

Current governing Board policy #5114 addresses the suspension and expulsion of students, but does not address the essence of student discipline per se. This document is intended to replace the current policy, and is intended to address the policy issues that are generally associated with student conduct in school and at school-sponsored activities.

Principles:

1. Every student should be able to attend schools that are safe.
2. Students, faculty, and staff members should treat each other with courtesy, dignity, and respect.
3. Students should learn to accept responsibility for their behavior, and should be held accountable for inappropriate behavior.
4. Students should learn that all actions (positive and negative) have consequences.
5. All expectations and consequences should be age-appropriate.

6. Each school and classroom may have specific rules in addition to this school-wide policy.
7. Infractions should be categorized as Minor, Moderate, or Severe.
 - a. Disciplinary action for **minor infractions** should be age-appropriate. Minor infractions are generally dealt with in the classroom.
 - b. **Moderate infractions** are generally dealt with by the Principal, Associate Principal, or Dean of Students.
 - c. **Severe infractions will be** dealt with by the Principal, Associate Principal, or Dean of Students.
8. Any student who commits an offense that is specifically listed in §79-267 (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9), or (10) of the Nebraska statutes may be subject to long-term suspension and/or expulsion.
9. This policy and the procedures included by reference herein, applies to all students who attend North Platte Public Schools.
10. All School District staff will be required to enforce this policy, and all procedures incorporated in this policy by reference herein by a manner that is fair, age-appropriate, and developmentally appropriate and that considers the student and the circumstances involved.

Legal Reference:

Nebraska Statutes §79-254 through §79-296 (Student Discipline Act of Nebraska)

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