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### **Student Conduct, Discipline, and Corporal Punishment Prohibition**

#### **Conduct Standards**

Students will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting their age level and maturity, in a manner that will not impede on the orderly conduct of district schools, respect all district property, utilizing it only as authorized and in a non-destructive manner; and will be expected to respect the rights of others on district property, including, but not limited to, district owned/leased/chartered vehicles, at school-sponsored events, and off-campus (including online) when student conduct has or is reasonably predicted to have a substantially disruptive effect on district operations and/or the educational environment. Students are also expected to be reasonably prepared for all their classes, including completion of all homework and assignments.

Students shall comply with student conduct standards and prohibitions contained in district policies and accompanying regulations, including the following:

- AAC, Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment
- ABBA, Tobacco Use
- ACDA, Acceptable Use
- ACE, Violent & Threatening Behavior
- ACEA, Bullying
- ACEB, Hazing
- FFA, Student Alcohol & Other Drug Use/Abuse
- FFB, Attendance and Absences
- FFC, Bus Conduct
- FFD, Weapons on School Property
- FFE, Extracurricular Participation
- FFH, Student Dress Code
- FFI, Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices
- FFK, Suspension and Expulsion
- FG, Student Rights and Responsibilities

#### **Disciplinary Standards**

Consequences for misconduct will be fair and developmentally appropriate in light of the circumstances. Each Assistant Superintendent shall develop age-appropriate disciplinary standards in consultation with principals and other applicable district personnel. In addition, the Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to assist administrators/their designees with investigating potential conduct violations. Disciplinary measures shall be as positive as possible, including discussion with the student and counseling, involving the student in defining acceptable behavior, and when the administrator feels it is necessary, involving parents when a student's behavior is inappropriate.

Disciplinary policies, procedures, and guidelines need not be identical in content district wide but must:

1. Be identical in content for all district elementary schools;
2. Be identical in content for all district middle schools;
3. Be identical in content for all district high schools.

### **Disciplinary Standards for Special Education Students**

District employees are required to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act when responding to violations of student conduct standards by special education students.

### **Prohibited Disciplinary Actions: Corporal Punishment**

The Board recognizes that reasonable physical force may occasionally be necessary to guard the safety and well-being of students or employees or to deliver a student to an administrator's office; however, the use of corporal punishment, defined as the willful infliction of physical pain on a student, is not allowed in the Bismarck School District. Corporal punishment does not include action taken by an employee for self-defense, protection of persons or property, obtaining possession of a weapon or other dangerous object, to quell a verbal disturbance, for the preservation of order, or pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or recreational activities voluntarily engaged in by a student.

Complaints alleging that a district employee inflicted corporal punishment will be dealt with in accordance with school board policy on personnel complaints.

### **Disciplinary Authority**

Regulations on disciplinary standards and investigation procedures shall delineate the degree of disciplinary authority that the District shall grant to teachers and principals.

Other school personnel shall be granted disciplinary authority by the building or central office administration on a case-by-case basis based on the nature and scope of the employee's duties. Personnel granted such authority shall be required to comply with this policy and any disciplinary authority limits established by regulations. Employees unauthorized to administer student discipline shall report student misconduct to the appropriate school authority.

Any district employee who acts outside the scope of his/her assigned level of disciplinary authority may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, discharge from/termination of employment in accordance with law and/or the negotiated agreement.

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### **Complementary Documents**

- FF-AR, Student Conduct Standards and Disciplinary Procedures
- FF-E, Examples of Student Conduct Violations
- AAC, Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment

- ABBA, Tobacco Use
- ACDA, Acceptable Use
- ACE, Violent and Threatening Behavior
- ACEA, Bullying
- ACEB, Hazing
- FFA, Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse
- FFB, Attendance and Absences
- FFC, Bus Conduct
- FFD, Weapons on School Property
- FFE, Extracurricular Participation
- FFH, Student Dress Code
- FFI, Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices
- FFK, Suspension and Expulsion
- FG, Student Rights and Responsibilities
- KACB, Patron Complaints About Personnel

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