

## **Barrington Public Schools Policy on Student Behavior**

In keeping with RI General Law § 16-2-17 "Right to a Safe School," Barrington Public Schools (BPS) recognizes that each student, staff member, teacher, and administrator has a right to attend and/or work at a school which is safe and secure, which is conducive to learning, and which is free from the threat, actual or implied, of physical harm.

The School Committee, or a school principal as designated by the School Committee have the right to investigate and issue consequences based on the findings of the investigation according to the Code of Conduct, BPS Policy, and RI General Laws. Nothing in this section shall relieve the School Committee or school principals from following all procedures required by state and federal law regarding discipline of students with disabilities.

The Superintendent, or their designees, shall review annually the discipline data, collected in accordance with the specifications set forth in RI General Law § 16-60-4(21), to determine whether the discipline imposed has a disproportionate impact on students based on race, sex, sexual identity, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or disability status and to appropriately respond to any such disparity. If a disparity exists, BPS shall submit a report to the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education describing the conduct of the student, the frequency of the conduct, prior disciplinary actions for the conduct, any other relevant information and corrective actions to address the disparity, after consultation with representatives of the faculty has been taken to address the disparity. The reports shall be deemed to be public records for purposes of Title 38.

The Administration shall develop Codes of Conduct included in student handbooks for purposes of identifying unacceptable student conduct, approved annually by the School Committee. These Codes of Conduct shall be distributed to all students at the beginning of each school year. Codes of Conduct shall address and deal with matters relating to, without limitation, student conduct during school, on school transportation, or while attending any school sponsored or related activity, whether held on or off school property. Parents are required to acknowledge the Student Handbooks on an annual basis.

Legal Ref: General Laws of Rhode Island, § 16-2-17, § 16-60-4(21)

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