

Marion County Board of Education

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

West Virginia Department of Education Policy 4373 – Series 99: *Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools* sets the requirements for the development of safe and supportive schools that provide optimum learning conditions for both students and staff in West Virginia Schools. The purpose of this policy is to establish disciplinary guidelines for student conduct that outline behaviors prohibited in West Virginia schools that must be consistently addressed in order to assure the orderly, safe, drug-free, violence-and harassment-free learning environment for all students. Some of the key provisions of this policy are the following:

- **Standard 1: Self-awareness and Self-management**
The self-awareness and self-management standard promotes the development of self-esteem and identification of emotions leading to student self-efficacy to express themselves in constructive ways. These skills enable students to control impulses, manage stress and motivate themselves to establish, monitor and achieve academic and personal goals.
- **Standard 2: Social-awareness and Interpersonal Skills**
Social-awareness involves recognition of the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of others, including those that are different from one's own. Interpersonal skills involve cooperating, communicating respectfully and constructively resolving conflicts with others. Both are essential for building and maintaining positive relationships that are essential to success in school and life.
- **Standard 3: Decision-making Skills and Responsible Behaviors**
Decision-making requires an ability to accurately assess a variety of situations, define and evaluate choices, anticipate consequences of each, generate alternative choices and select a responsible choice. Responsible behaviors are those that promote safety, avoid risk, deal honestly and fairly with others and contribute in a positive way to one's classroom, school, family and community.

Policy 4373 can be reviewed online at <http://wvde.state.wv.us>. Each school will have a hard copy on file for review as well. Please return and sign this letter to your child's school by September 6, 2021 acknowledging notification of this policy. If you should have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Don Neal Safe Schools Coordinator at 986-3590 or email at donald.neal@k12.wv.us.

Respectfully,
Don Neal
Safe Schools Coordinator
Marion County BOE

I acknowledge that I have been notified of Policy 4373.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Student: _____ Date: _____