

SCHOOL POLICY REGARDING STUDENT MISCONDUCT

The emotional and physical safety and well being of the students and employees of the Beresford School District are of paramount importance. Students participating in school activities are expected to conduct themselves with respect for self and others through their conduct and actions within and outside of the school. Any student who is convicted or adjudicated of a crime of violence as defined in SDCL 22-1-2(9)\* or any amendment thereto, or who is required to register as a sex offender under the laws of the State of South Dakota, will be subject to suspension or removal from school activities. Upon being notified of a conviction or adjudication of a crime of violence or the registration of a student as a sex offender, the administration will make every effort to act fairly and quickly in addressing the situation. The best interest of the student, school and community will be considered. The administration will handle each situation on an individual basis. In the event the student is not satisfied with the decision of the administration concerning any suspension or removal from activities, the same may be appealed to the Board of Education for final determination and action.

For purposes of this policy, school activities include, but are not limited to: athletics; band; flags; vocal music; cheerleading; student council; debate and other forensic activities; oral interp (declam and speech); drama, Future Farmers of America (FFA); Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Beresonian; yearbook; royalty candidates; car club; and any other students activity which is organized and administered by school personnel and which is an authorized activity of the school.

\*As of July 1, 2002, SDCL 22-1-2(9) defines crimes of violence as the commission or attempt to commit, or a conspiracy to commit any of the same: murder, manslaughter, rape, criminal pedophilia, aggravated assault, riot, robbery, burglary in the first or second degree, arson, kidnapping, felony sexual contact as defined in SDCL 22-22-7 and 22-22-19.1, felony child abuse as defined in SDCL 26-10-1, or any other felony in the commission of which the perpetrator used force, or was armed with a dangerous weapon, or used any explosive or destructive force.

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