

## **Code No. 903.4 PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

The board expects that students, employees and visitors will treat each other with respect engaging in responsible behavior, exercise self-discipline and model fairness, equity and respect. Individuals violating this policy will be subject to discipline. Students will be disciplined consistent with the student conduct policies. Employees will be disciplined consistent with employee discipline policies and laws. Others will be subject to discipline according to this policy.

Individuals are permitted to attend school sponsored or approved activities or visit school premises only as guest of the school district, and, as a condition, they must comply with the school district rules and policies. Individuals will not be allowed to interfere with or disrupt the education program or activity. Visitors, like the participants, are expected to display mature, responsible behavior. The failure of individuals to do so is not only disruptive but also embarrassing to the students, the school district and entire community.

To protect the rights of students to participate without fear of interference or disruption and to permit the school officials, employees and activity sponsors and officials to perform their duties without interference or disruption, the following provisions are in effect:

Abusive, verbal or physical conduct of spectators directed at students, school officials, employees and activity sponsors or approved activities or at other individuals will not be tolerated.

Verbal or physical conduct of individuals that interferes with the performance of students, school officials, employees, officials and activity sponsors of sponsored or approved activities will not be tolerated.

The use of vulgar, obscene or demeaning expression directed at students, school officials, employees, officials and activity sponsors of approved activities participating in a sponsored or approved activity or at other spectators will not be tolerated.

If an individual becomes physically or verbally abusive, used vulgar, obscene or demeaning expression or in any way interrupts an activity, the individual in charge of the event may remove the individual from the event.

Individuals removed from school premises have the ability to follow the board's chain of command and complaint policies should they choose to do so. The exclusion is in effect should the individual choose to appeal the decision to the superintendent. The term "individual" as used in the policy also includes students and employees.

If an individual has been notified of exclusion and thereafter tries to enter a school building or attends a sponsored or approved activity, the spectator will be advised that his/her attendance will result in prosecution. The school district may obtain a court order for permanent exclusion from school buildings or from future school sponsored or approved activities.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code §§ 279.8 ;716.7 (2003).

Cross Reference:

205 Board Member Liability

504 Student Activities

802.6 Vandalism

903 Public Participation in the School District

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