

Student Discipline

Discipline in the North Santiam School District is based upon a guidance counseling philosophy designed to enable students to develop the self-discipline necessary to function in their educational and social environments.

The major objectives of the school discipline program are to teach the following fundamental concepts for living:

1. Understanding and respect for the rights, dignity and safety of all individuals;
2. Understanding and respect for the law, district policies, procedures, rules and regulations;
3. Understanding of and respect for public and private property rights.

The Board of Education seeks to assure a school climate, which is appropriate for learning and which assures the safety and welfare of personnel and students. The Superintendent will develop rules, procedures and standards whereby those students who are disruptive of the educational setting or who endanger the safety of others will receive corrective counseling and/or be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

The district school board authorizes the discipline, suspension or expulsion of any refractory student, including the suspension or expulsion of any student who assaults or menaces a school employee or another student. The age of a student and the past pattern of behavior of a student shall be considered prior to a suspension or expulsion of a student. "Menace" means by word or conduct the student intentionally attempts to place a school employee or another student in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

Willful disobedience, willful damage or injury to school property; theft; use, possession, or transmitting drugs, alcohol or tobacco; possession, use, selling or exchanging weapons or devices which could potentially cause harm to others; use threats, intimidations, harassment or coercion against any fellow student or school employee; open defiance of a teacher's authority or use or display of profane or obscene language is sufficient cause for discipline, suspension or expulsion from school.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 243.650](#)
[ORS 332.061](#)
[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 339.240 - 339.280](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

