

Student Discipline**

Discipline in the public charter school is based upon a philosophy designed to produce behavioral changes that will enable students to develop the self-discipline necessary to remain in school and to function successfully in their educational and social environments.

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

1. Understanding and respect for individual rights, dignity and safety;
2. Understanding and respect for the law, Board policies, administrative regulations and school rules;
3. Understanding of and respect for public and private property rights.

The public charter school board seeks to ensure a school climate which is appropriate for learning and which assures the safety and welfare of personnel and students. The public charter school administrator will develop administrative regulations whereby those students who disrupt the educational setting or who endanger the safety of others will be offered corrective counseling and be subject to disciplinary sanctions that are age appropriate, and to the extent practicable, that uses approaches that are shown through research to be effective.

The public charter school shall enforce consistently, fairly and without bias all student conduct policies, administrative regulations and school rules.

A student whose conduct or condition is seriously detrimental to the school's best interests may be suspended. Students may be expelled for any of the following circumstances: a) when a student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; b) when other strategies to change student behavior have been ineffective; or c) when required by law. The public charter school will ensure careful consideration of the rights and needs of the individual concerned, as well as the best interests of other students and the school program as a whole.

Parents, students and employees shall be notified by handbook, code of conduct or other document of the acceptable behavior, behavior subject to discipline and the procedures to address behavior and the consequences of that behavior. These procedures will include a system of consequences designed to correct student misconduct and promote acceptable behavior.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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

[ORS 338.115\(j\)](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 339.240 - 339.280](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)
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