

**STUDENTS****Code of Behavior**

General guidelines governing student conduct shall be developed at the division level. The school must seek to protect the rights of all students to a quality education commensurate with their abilities, interests, values, and goals. The school must provide safeguards for the health, safety, and rights of the individual student without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, or economic status.

Students are expected to act in such a manner that their behavior reflects favorably on the individual student and on the school, shows consideration for fellow students, and creates a harmonious school atmosphere. Students must recognize their individual responsibilities and obligations and discharge them in accordance with school regulations.

The Code of Behavior shall set forth the division level guidelines which include student responsibilities, student rights, regulations for appropriate conduct, and corrective measures for student misbehavior. Regulations governing student conduct shall be consistent with the welfare and efficiency of the schools, their students and staff, and shall set forth the sufficient cause for suspension and expulsions from school. The Code of Behavior, and any subsequent modifications, shall be presented by the administration to the Prince William County School Board annually for its review and approval.

It shall be the responsibility of the school principal to distribute the Code of Behavior to all teachers, parents, and students; to ensure that all students receive instruction on the Code of Behavior; to ensure that the Code of Behavior is administered fairly and consistently; and to ensure that the parent/guardian has signed the Emergency Card indicating that they have received and understand the rules outlined in the Code of Behavior.

**Legal References:**

Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-277. Suspension and expulsion of pupils; generally.

Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-277.1. Disciplinary authority of school boards under certain circumstances.

Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-278. Suspension and expulsion of pupils; school board regulations.

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