STUDENTS

“Code of Behavior”

Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) seek to protect the rights of all students to an education commensurate with their abilities, interests, values, and goals. PWCS shall provide safeguards for the health, safety, and rights of individual students, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, age, marital status, veteran status of parent, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law.

The Division Superintendent and his designees shall develop and implement the “Code of Behavior” and its annual supplements. These documents shall set forth behavioral guidelines that address student responsibilities, student rights, appropriate student conduct, and provide notice to students and parents of conduct deemed unacceptable and of corrective measures for student misbehavior. Student conduct shall be consistent with the welfare and efficient operation of the schools, their students, and staff. Violations of the “Code of Behavior” shall be considered sufficient cause for the discipline of students, including suspension and expulsion from school. The “Code of Behavior” and any subsequent revisions, shall be presented by the administration to the Prince William County School Board annually for its review and approval.

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. The student “Code of Expectations” section of the “Code of Behavior” establishes behaviors, attitudes, and actions that promote responsibility and success in school. Students are expected to adhere to these expectations and all rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct.

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

The rules and regulations of the “Code of Behavior” are intended to guide student behavior in the school buildings, on school property, on school buses, to and from school, and when participating in any activity sponsored by PWCS. The penalty for violating the rules of the “Code of Behavior” and/or the policies and regulations of the Prince William County School Board shall range from counseling to expulsion, depending on the nature of the infraction and any special circumstances that may be related to the situation and the student.

The Associate Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

This regulation and related policy shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.