STUDENTS

Conduct

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. The Prince William County School Board shall provide safeguards for the health, safety, and rights of individual students, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, or disability.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 22.1-78, “A school board may adopt bylaws and regulations . . . including but not limited to the proper discipline of students, including their going to and returning from school.”

In addition to the policies and regulations set forth in this Manual, the School Board has established the “Code of Behavior” for PWCS consistent with Virginia’s Standards of Quality, which require “standards of student conduct and attendance and enforcement procedures designed to provide that public education be conducted in an atmosphere free of disruption and threat to persons or property and supportive of individual rights.” The School Board, acting through the Division Superintendent, holds all school employees responsible for supervising student behavior when students are legally under the supervision of the School Division. The School Board holds all students responsible for appropriate conduct as defined in School Board policies and regulations and PWCS “Code of Behavior” and its supplements.

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 the special circumstances of each student.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (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.