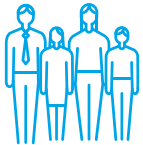


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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Families as Partners

PWCS recognizes the importance of the partnership between schools and families in making schools safe, effective learning environments, and in promoting the social-emotional development of children. PWCS emphasizes the significance of positive communication between families and educators, and encourages avenues for families to communicate their concerns, provide suggestions, and access information regarding their children to create a positive partnership between families and schools, thus strengthening the school community.



Student Rights

The constitutions and the laws of the United States and Virginia give students many legal rights and liberties. School Board policies and regulations provide students many privileges as well, according to their ages and maturity levels. Students may exercise these rights and privileges as long as they do not interfere with the rights of others or the schools' ability to provide a safe learning environment.

Legal Notices to Students and Parents

Students and parents are responsible for reading and becoming familiar with the PWCS Code of Behavior and PWCS' policies and regulations outlining disciplinary programs and procedures.

Appeal Procedures

One of the goals of site-based leadership is to resolve issues at the school level whenever possible. Information on appeals of student matters can be found in the Code of Behavior and Regulation 731-1, "Appeal of Student Matters," provides details about this subject.

Behavior Categories

The Virginia Department of Education defined student behavior categories to assist in recognizing the impact behavior has on the learning environment and to encourage responses that promote social-emotional learning competencies. Behavior categories can be found in the Code of Behavior.

Bullying of Students is Not Permitted

Each school is committed to creating an environment in which students are free from bullying. Students are strongly encouraged to report incidents to the school administration. The school administrator will take appropriate steps to respond quickly and decisively to student reports of bullying. Students can use the Regulation 733-1 Attachment II, "Complaint of Bullying," which can also be provided by the school's counseling department or main office.

Reporting misconduct

See a warning sign or threat, use the following suggestions for reporting such information:



Use this QR code



Submit an anonymous tip by calling 1-844-5SAYNOW or visiting SaySomething.net



Download the free app from the App Store or Google Play Store, where tips can be submitted instantly.*



Call 911 in cases of immediate emergency

*Once downloaded, the app will ask for a 4-digit code you select and remember