

Civility Policy

Preamble

Maintaining an environment supportive of learning and free of disruptive conduct is important to the success of our children's education. To further this goal, it is the intent of the district to promote, through this policy, mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among district employees, parents/guardians, and other members of the public. It is also the intent of this policy to encourage positive communication and discourage disruptive, volatile, hostile or aggressive communication or actions. Furthermore, this policy is intended to maintain, to the extent possible, a safe, harassment-free workplace for teachers, students, administrators, other staff, parents/guardians and the public. It is not the district's intent to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression. The district encourages the public's cooperation with and adherence to this policy.

Expected Level of Behavior

1. District employees and representatives should treat parents/guardians and other members of the public with civility, courtesy and respect.
2. Parents/guardians and other members of the public should treat staff and students and each other, while on school grounds and/or participating in school-related activities, with civility, courtesy and respect.

Unacceptable/Disruptive Behavior

Any conduct that disrupts or interferes with the discipline, good order, lawful conduct or administration of any school class or activity of the school or district, constitutes unacceptable conduct behavior. Unacceptable conduct includes but is not limited to:

1. Disruption of or threats to disrupt school classrooms, activities, and/or operations;
2. Threats to the health and safety of students or district employees;
3. Battery or assault upon students, district employees or other persons;
4. Using obscenities or speaking in a demanding, loud, insulting and/or demeaning manner; and/or
5. Unauthorized entry onto district premises and school grounds.

Recourse Available to Parents/Guardians and Public in handling

Unacceptable/Disruptive Behavior

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations and procedures as necessary to provide a complaint process for alleged violations of the Civility Policy.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting

44014 Report of assault by pupil against school employee

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

44811 Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities

PENAL CODE

415.5 Disturbance of peace of school

416 Assembly to disturb peace; refusal to disperse

626-626.10 Crimes on school grounds

627-627.8 Access to school premises

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