STUDENT CONDUCT, DISCIPLINE AND DUE PROCESS Safe School Zone

The Board endorses the following principles of student conduct:

- 1. Respect for law and those given authority to administer it shall be expected of all students. This includes conformity to school rules as well as to general provisions of the law regarding minors
- 2. Respect for the rights of others, consideration of their privileges, and cooperative citizenship shall be expected of all members of the school community.
- 3. Respect for the real and personal property, pride in one's work, and exemplary personal standards for courtesy, decency, honesty, and wholesome attitudes shall be maintained.
- 4. Respect for individual worth and diversity is the obligation of the school. Diligence and a desire to benefit from the opportunity is the obligation of the students.

The Board expects student conduct to contribute to a productive learning climate. Individual rights are to be honored and protected in all instances; however, the rights of one individual shall not take precedence over those of another individual or of the group itself, and all students shall have equal rights and equal responsibilities in the classroom or at any school-sponsored activity.

The Board further recognizes the right of each school to establish disciplinary procedures in accordance with RSA 193:13 and RSA 193-D through the development of administrative procedures which are approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Due process shall be afforded to any student involved in a proceeding that may result in suspension, exclusion, or expulsion. Students expelled from school may be reinstated by the Board under the provisions of RSA 19:13.

The Superintendent may modify expulsion requirements as provided in RSA 193:14, IV. In addition, the District shall comply with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the NH Rule for the Education of Children with Disabilities when disciplining students.

Legal References:

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils

RSA 189:15, Regulations

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317.04(b), Disciplinary Procedures

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(f), Student Discipline

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.06, Culture & Climate

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 SC Section 1400 (et seq.)

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 1119.11 Disciplinary Procedures for Children with Disabilities

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