

STANDARDS OF EXPECTED STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Policy Code: **4310**

All students are expected to demonstrate integrity, civility, responsibility, and self-control. This expectation is directly related to the board's educational objectives for students to learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of their behavior and for students to respect cultural diversity and ideological differences. Integrity, civility, responsibility, and self-control are also critical for establishing and maintaining a safe, orderly, and inviting environment.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

In addition to any standards or rules established by the schools, the following behaviors are specifically prohibited as violations of the standards of integrity and civility:

- cheating, including the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized assistance or the actual giving or receiving of an unfair advantage on any form of academic work;
- plagiarizing, including the copying of the language, structure, idea, and/or thought of another person or of a work produced by artificial intelligence and representing it as one's own original work;
- violating copyright laws, including the unauthorized reproduction, duplication, and/or use of printed or electronic work, computer software, or other copyrighted material;
- cursing or using vulgar, abusive, or demeaning language towards another person; and
- playing abusive, dangerous or unwarranted tricks or otherwise subjecting a student or personnel to personal indignity by any means including technology.
- "Bullying or harassing behavior" which includes any pattern or gestures or written, electronic, or verbal communications, or any physical act or any threatening communication, that takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, or on a school bus, and that:
 - a. Places a student or school employee in actual and reasonable harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property; or;
 - b. Creates or is certain to create a hostile environment by substantially interfering with or impairing a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits. For purposes of this section, "hostile environment" means that the victim subjectively views the conduct as bullying or harassing behavior and the conduct is objectively severe or pervasive enough that a person would agree that is bullying or harassing behavior.

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CONSEQUENCES

The disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy shall be consistent with Section D of policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies. The superintendent or designee shall list in the Code of Student Conduct the specific range of consequences that may be imposed on a student for violations of this policy.

Legal Reference: 17 U.S.C. 101, 102, 106, 107, 110, 117, G.S. 115C-47, -288, -307, -390.2, -391, 115C-407.5

Cross Reference: Harassment Defined (policy 1735), Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program, (policy 3000), Copyright Compliance (policy 3230/7330), School Plan for Management of Student Behavior (policy 4302),

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