

**BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT #52
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Subject: Student Conduct

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POLICY

It is essential that the school staff, students, and their families work as a team to achieve the desired educational goals and objectives. When students, by their actions, words, or deeds, violate the standards as set forth in the student conduct and discipline code, there are consequences. The goal of these consequences is to assist students in producing behavioral changes that are necessary to function successfully in educational and social environments. If the consequences are ineffective, then the District may authorize the suspension and/or expulsion of students.

Careful attention shall be given to procedures and methods whereby fairness and consistency without bias in discipline shall be assured each student. The objectives of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline, realize the responsibility of one's actions and to maintain a productive learning environment. All staff members have responsibility for consistency in establishing and maintaining an appropriate behavioral atmosphere.

A student handbook, code of conduct or other document shall be developed by District administration and will be made available and distributed to parents, students and employees outlining student conduct expectations and possible disciplinary actions. In addition, each school in the District shall publish a student/parent handbook detailing additional rules specific to that school.

Students in violation of Board policy, administrative regulation and/or code of conduct provisions will be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. Students are subject to discipline for conduct while traveling to and from school, at the bus stop, at school-sponsored events, while at other schools in the District and while off campus, whenever such conduct causes a substantial and material disruption of the educational environment or the invasion of rights of others. Students may be denied participation in extracurricular activities. Titles and/or privileges available to or granted to students may also be denied and/or revoked (e.g., valedictorian, salutatorian, student body, class or club office positions, senior trip, prom, etc.). A referral to law enforcement may also be made.

Students are prohibited from making knowingly false statements or knowingly submitting false information in bad faith as part of a complaint or report, or associated with an investigation into misconduct.¹

The District will annually record and report expulsion data for conduct violations as required by the Oregon Department of Education.

¹ The District is prohibited from retaliating against any student "for the reason that the student has in good faith reported information that the student believes is evidence of a violation of a state or federal law, rule or regulation." ORS 659.852.

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REPORTS

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

END OF POLICY

REFERENCES / COMMENTS

[Bethel Administrative Rule JFC](#): Student Conduct Code

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#) to – 0075

Nondiscrimination on the Bases of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020). Tinker v. Des Moines Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).

Hazelwood Sch. District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

Bethel Sch. Dist. v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

Shorb v. Grotting and Powers Sch. Dist., Case No. 00CV-0255 (Coos County Circuit Ct.) (2000).

Ferguson v. Phoenix Talent Sch. Dist. #4, 172 Or. App. 389 (2001).

Morse v. Frederick, 551 U.S. 393, 127 S. Ct. 2618 (2007).

C.R. v. Eugene S.D. 4J, No. 12-1042, U.S. District Court of OR (2013).