

## JIC - STUDENT CONDUCT

*Category: Recommended*

*Related Policies: JICD, JICDD, JICK*

**Student conduct is to adhere to the following behavioral expectations:**

1. Respect and encourage the right to teach and the right to learn at all times.
2. Be actively engaged in the learning; ask questions, collaborate, and seek solutions.
3. Be on time to fulfill your daily commitments.
4. Be appropriate; demonstrate behavior that is considerate of the community, the campus, and yourself.
5. Be truthful; communicate honestly.
6. Be responsible and accountable for your choices.

### ***A. General Conduct Standards and Disciplinary Concepts.***

Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors, violates other Board policies or is otherwise inappropriate is prohibited. Students are expected to maintain appropriate classroom behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption.

Students will conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration for the rights of others, while on School District property or on property within the jurisdiction of the School District; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; and/or while attending or engaged in school activities. Students may also be disciplined for off-campus behavior in accordance with the provisions of Policies [JICDD](#) and [JICK](#).

Terms, and levels of discipline are established in Policy [JICD](#), as are the due process procedures to be afforded relative to each level of discipline. Disciplinary measures as defined in that policy include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, restriction from activities, probation, and expulsion.

Due process in accordance with all applicable laws will 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 193:13.

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***B. Implementation and Notice.***

The School Board delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility of adopting and implementing such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she, in consultation with the appropriate building Principal, deems necessary to implement this policy.

The content of RSA 193:13, this policy, and any such rules and regulations adopted hereunder, shall be printed in the student handbook(s) and distributed to all students, and parents/guardians. The Superintendent shall also assure that this policy, the content of 193:13, and any such rules and regulations adopted under this policy are made available on the District's website, with additional notice provided to the student body as the Superintendent or building Principal deems appropriate (e.g., periodic postings and notices).

Rules and regulations adopted and published under this policy will be deemed to be regulations and policies of the School Board and maintained as School Board records. The Superintendent shall provide to the School Board copies of all student handbook(s), and other rules and the regulations adopted under this policy. The School Board retains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any such rules and regulations consistent with the Board's statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations and procedures.

***C. Parental Notification of Simple Assaults.***

Pursuant to RSA 193-D:4, I (b), the Superintendent is directed to adopt and implement procedures to require timely notice to the parents/guardians of any student (victim or perpetrator) involved in a simple assault occurring during the school day or during any school sponsored activity, when such simple assault causes: any form of bodily injury, including bruising or discoloration, or would otherwise constitute a disciplinable offense under either District or building rules of conduct. For purposes of this policy, "simple assault" shall have the same meaning as that provided in RSA 631:2-a (a simple assault occurs when one purposefully or knowingly causes bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact to another; or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon).

***D. Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities.***

If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the New Hampshire RSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

## AMHERST, MONT VERNON, and SOUHEGAN POLICY

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#### Legal References:

*RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils*

*RSA 193-D:4, Written Report Required*

*RSA 631:2-a, Simple Assault*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(f)(4), Student Discipline*

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

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

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