Student Code of Conduct

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The **Student Code of Conduct** explains what students can expect at school, including behavior expectations, available support, and their rights as members of the school community. It helps create safe, supportive, and welcoming learning environments across DPSCD.

The Code focuses on teaching positive behavior, using restorative practices, and providing the right support when students face challenges. Families and students are encouraged to review the Code together.

View the Student Code of Conduct (/fs/resource-manager/view/63d08b7a-1c19-4791-a421-bdbffdb07748)

Let's Talk

Have a question about the Student Code of Conduct?

Contact Us (https://www.k12insight.com/Form/Dialogue/DialogueFormDefault?k=PR8D7RY7Y1B8LT@WY7Y1B8LT@DY1Y2D1LT)

Respect for Students

- Avoid bullying, threats, or harassment
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself

- Resolve conflict peacefully

Respect for Staff

- Follow directions the first time
- Use appropriate, respectful language
- Ask questions calmly and respectfully

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Be Ready to Learn

- Arrive on time for every class
- Bring materials and complete assignments
- Care for books, devices, and supplies

Student Expectations and Supports

+ **Know Your Rights**

DPSCD is committed to protecting students' rights in every school, every day.

The Student Code of Conduct outlines these **core rights** for all students:

- A safe and supportive learning environment
- Equal access to school programs and activities
- Respectful treatment by staff and peers
- The right to appeal certain decisions and receive due process

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Due Process means students must be treated fairly when facing discipline. Before a consequence is given, students have the right to:

- Know what they are being accused of
- Hear the evidence
- Share their side of the story

Before a long-term suspension or expulsion, schools must consider these **7 factors**:

1. The student's age
2. Their disciplinary history
3. Whether they have a disability and applicable disciplinary considerations/protections are followed
4. The seriousness of the behavior
5. Whether the behavior posed a safety risk
6. Whether restorative practices could address the behavior
7. Whether interventions have already been used

Students and families are encouraged to review the full Code and talk together about how these rights apply at school.

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+ Attendance Matters

Every student has the right to equal instructional time and the responsibility to be in school, on time, every day. Regular attendance helps students stay on track and supports a strong learning environment for everyone.

- Arrive at school and to every class on time
- Be in the classroom before the tardy bell rings
- Avoid excessive tardiness that disrupts learning
- Follow your school’s process for excused absences

Schools may adjust when students with frequent tardies enter class to protect learning time for others.

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+ Support Before Discipline

Before discipline is assigned, schools are expected to provide support to help students improve their behavior and stay engaged in learning. The Code includes a range of strategies based on the situation and student needs.

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- Tiered behavior supports, such as check-in/out, restorative behavior agreements, or counseling
- Restorative practices that focus on repairing harm
- Clear, consistent corrective actions when needed
- Re-entry support for students returning from in/out-of-school suspension

These approaches are designed to address behavior while keeping students connected to school whenever possible.

+ Dress Code Expectations

All students must follow the District's general dress code. These expectations apply across the District, including at schools that do not require uniforms.

The Code of Conduct requires that students:

- Wear clothing that is neat, clean, and appropriate for school
- Wear required clothing or equipment for safety in certain classes or activities
- May wear their hair in any style
- May not wear head coverings inside school buildings, except for religious, cultural, medical, or disability-related reasons
- May wear personal protective equipment, such as masks or gloves, for health reasons

These guidelines help promote a safe, respectful, and disruption-free educational environment.

View the Student Dress Code Policy (/fs/pages/40376)