



## STUDENTS: Conduct

Code of Student Conduct

## I. Philosophy

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to creating a culture of deliberate excellence that includes promoting individual well-being and providing positive, respectful, and caring environments for teaching, learning, and working. To further this commitment, the Board establishes this code of student conduct.
- B. The Board expects all Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) students to recognize their individual responsibilities to adhere to the code of student conduct while on school property and when participating in school-sponsored activities.

## II. Definitions

- A. *School Property* – Any BCPS-owned, controlled, or leased property or vehicle regardless of whether students are present.
- B. *School-Sponsored Activities* – An activity that is sponsored, approved, conducted, planned, and/or supervised by school personnel, regardless of whether it takes place on or off school property or occurs during regular instructional hours.

## III. Code of Student Conduct – All BCPS Students Will:

- A. Attend school daily unless there is a lawful purpose for being absent.
- B. Engage in the learning process.
- C. Bring to school only those approved items and materials which are appropriate for their educational programs.
- D. Demonstrate positive behavior and language and respect the personal, civil, and property rights of others.
- E. Accept responsibility for their actions and education while abiding by established Board Policies, Superintendent's Rules, and procedures.

IV. Standards

- A. The code of student conduct shall be in effect at all times when students are on school property or participating in school-sponsored activities and while being transported to and from school or school-sponsored activities and events.
- B. A student who violates the code of student conduct may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*.
- C. Each school shall develop and implement an integrated program of character education, social-skill development, behavior management, and relationship building to effectively deal with behaviors that inhibit a student from learning or unduly hinder others from learning. In each instance in which employees act to help a student conduct themselves appropriately, emphasis shall be placed upon helping students learn self-discipline and rules.

V. Implementation

- A. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop rules and administrative procedures related to proper student conduct.
- B. The Superintendent shall ensure that all students and parents are advised annually of the code of student conduct.
- C. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-306, *Corporal Punishment*; *State Code of Discipline*

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 5510, *Positive Behavior*  
Board of Education Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*  
Board of Education Policy 5600, *Students' Responsibilities and Rights*

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