



STUDENTS: Conduct

I. Philosophy

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) expects all Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) students to put forth their best efforts during the educational process. To accomplish, this, students must recognize their individual responsibilities and they must behave in accordance with The Baltimore County Public Schools' (BCPS) Code of Conduct.

II. Code of Conduct – All BCPS Students Will:

- A. Attend school daily unless there is a lawful purpose for being absent.
- B. Engage in learning activities.
- C. Bring to school only those 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 a school's procedures.

III. Standards

- A. The codes of conduct for school campuses shall apply to all off-site school-sponsored activities.
- B. All school personnel are expected to effectively deal with students whose behaviors inhibit their own education or unduly hinder others from learning.
- C. The Board recognizes the school system's responsibility to give all reasonable support and assistance to teachers with respect to the maintenance of control and discipline in the classrooms.

- D. 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.

IV. Implementation

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures for the proper conduct of all persons on school property, on school buses, and at off-site school-sponsored activities.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-305, *Suspension and Expulsion*  
*Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §7-306, *Corporal Punishment; State Code of Discipline*  
*Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §26-101, *Disturbing Activities at School or College; Molesting or Threatening Students*  
*Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §26-102, *Trespass on the Grounds of a Public Institution of Elementary, Secondary, or High Education*  
COMAR 13A.08.01.11, *Disciplinary Action*  
COMAR 13A.08.01.15, *Reporting Delinquent Acts*  
COMAR 13A.08.01.17, *School Use of Reportable Offenses*

Policy

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