

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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**Responsible Office:** OFFICE OF STUDENT AND SYSTEMIC SUPPORTS

### STUDENT CONDUCT AND RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

#### A. PURPOSE

To provide policy to establish and guide student conduct within Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS).

#### B. ISSUE

Appropriate student behavior is essential to an effective learning climate and is the responsibility of students, teachers, and administrators. Students have the responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that does not detract from the learning process. They must understand school regulations, make every effort to uphold them, and recognize that those in authority have the responsibility for maintaining the safety of schools and the orderly process of education.

#### C. POSITION

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) promotes positive behavior in an environment that is conducive to mutual respect and cooperation among all segments of the school community, while fostering, teaching, and acknowledging positive behaviors. Our schools should be environments where conflict, that may occur, can be used as an opportunity to teach and learn. The goal should be the internalization of discipline so that little external enforcement is required. The Board believes that this philosophy will foster the development of positive, self-disciplined, self-reliant individuals capable of behaving appropriately as the situation demands. The Board also believes the primary purpose of discipline in AACPS is to be rehabilitative, restorative, and educational and supports the use of restorative practices as available and appropriate. Restorative practices build community and address misconduct through inclusive dialogue and mutual understanding, with the goal of reducing disciplinary incidents, fostering a positive school climate, and enhancing student relationships.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop guidance and regulations for determining additional rules and enforcing all rules established related to proper student conduct. The Superintendent shall designate the principal of each school to ensure that

clear guidance and enforcement of rules occur at the local school to support this policy. *The Code of Student Conduct* shall be available to all parents/guardians and students. It outlines expected student behavior and consequences for a student's failure to follow *The Code of Student Conduct*.

Responsibilities flow from the exercise of rights and privileges. Paramount among these is respect for oneself, respect for others and their rights, respect for property, learning, and the legal responsibility of those in authority.

#### **D. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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***Note Previous Policy History:*** Replaces Policy 902.03, adopted on 11/06/74 and revised 05/20/91, 08/04/04, and 06/07/06

***Legal Reference:*** Section 7-306 of the Education Article