DISTRICT STATEMENT ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES IN PROMOTING SAFE SCHOOLS

Page 1 of 4

The Aurora Public Schools Board of Education believes that the existence of a fair and effective discipline program is the shared responsibility of all stakeholders, including students, staff, parents and the larger community.

Students

Have a responsibility to:

- Attend school regularly, arrive on time, bring necessary materials, be prepared to participate in class, and do homework.
- Strive for academic growth.
- Respect the rights, feelings and property of others; this includes fellow students, parents/guardians, school personnel, visitors, guests and school neighbors.
- Respect the staff by obeying all reasonable requests with self control and by avoiding the use of profanity or obscene gestures.
- Use appropriate and respectful language.
- Promote the physical safety and personal security of others by exercising self-discipline and refraining from engaging in violent behavior, including fighting with students, staff or other persons.
- Disagree in a respectful manner.
- Conduct themselves during the school day in such a way as not to interfere with the right of other students to learn.
- Follow discipline guidelines adopted by the school and district.
- Familiarize themselves with the school rules and ask questions if they are uncertain about their meaning.
- Report violations of school rules.

Have a right to:

- Discuss educational and social concerns with teachers and other school staff.
- Be educated in schools which are safe and in an environment that fosters learning.
- Receive an explanation of behavioral rules to which they will be subject.
- Receive discipline which is fair, non-discriminatory and which is consistent with adopted
DISTRICT STATEMENT ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES IN PROMOTING SAFE SCHOOLS

Page 2 of 4

policy.

- Report any incidents of verbal or physical threats, menacing or abuse.
- Review their own records within appropriate guidelines. Receive discipline information in a language they can understand, whenever possible.

Parents/Guardians

Have a responsibility to:

- Review, understand and discuss school rules with students.
- Encourage students to comply with school rules.
- Use appropriate and respectful language when dealing with staff members about discipline issues.
- Assist the student in attending school regularly, arriving on time, and obtaining necessary materials.
- Assist school staff by sharing ideas specific to their child for improving student learning and preventing or resolving student discipline problems.
- Provide supervision for the student's health, physical and emotional well-being and for prompt and regular school attendance.
- Provide appropriate supervision of students before and after school.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences.
- Provide the school with written explanations for student absence or tardiness.
- Bring to the attention of the school any situation which adversely affects their child or another child in the school community.
- Ensure the student attends school regularly and on time and communicates with the school in a timely manner regarding absences/tardies. In the case of excessive excused absences/tardies, the parent/guardian may be required to submit additional documentation, which may include doctor’s notes.

Have a right to:

- Obtain a copy of school rules relating to student behavior and discipline.
- Obtain clarification from the school on any matter referred to in school rules.
DISTRICT STATEMENT ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES
IN PROMOTING SAFE SCHOOLS

Page 3 of 4

• Be contacted promptly when their child has been involved in an incident resulting in a suspension or expulsion.
• Meet with teachers and/or principal about disciplinary matters and receive explanations concerning incidents of alleged misbehavior.
• Receive regular official reports of the student's academic progress and attendance.
• Read all school records pertaining to their students, at times mutually convenient to the parent and school.
• Whenever possible, receive discipline information in a language they can understand.
• Assert all due process rights contained in school or district rules, including the right to appeal disciplinary decisions.

Staff Members

All staff members, as appropriate to their positions and as delineated by the school discipline plan, have a responsibility to:
• Be fair, consistent, persistent and fair.
• Model expected behavior for students.
• Instruct students about appropriate behavior, conflict management, classroom rules and disciplinary consequences.
• Instruct in a way that engages students in the lesson being taught.
• Consider a variety of strategies and age-appropriate consequences to foster improved student behavior.
• Be in regular attendance and on time.
• Treat students and parents respectfully.
• Follow proper channels to resolve problems.
• Communicate regularly with parents and students about the child's progress, both academically and behaviorally.
• Follow district policies and school rules relating to behavior.

Have a right to:
DISTRICT STATEMENT ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES
IN PROMOTING SAFE SCHOOLS

Page 4 of 4

- Be treated respectfully by all persons in the school community, including students, parents, administrators and patrons.
- Conduct their teaching duties in schools which are safe and in an environment that fosters learning.
- Receive training in classroom management and conflict management where necessary.
- Receive support from school administrators in the administration of discipline, consistent with school policies.

CROSS REFS: JK.1, Student Discipline
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students