

**STUDENT CONDUCT •****General Policy**

The Lafayette Regional School Board is committed to promoting a safe, healthy, orderly and supportive school and learning environment. To achieve that for all, it is important for students to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration for other students, school personnel and other members of the community. Students are expected and required to maintain appropriate behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption while on Lafayette Regional School property or on property within the jurisdiction of the Lafayette Regional School District (including vehicles); and/or while attending or engaged in school activities.

Expectations for student conduct and standards of behavior shall be communicated through written Lafayette Regional School Board policies, as well as District and/or school rules. Those policies and rules should be included in the applicable student handbook for the Lafayette Regional School.

Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors, and/or violates the Lafayette Regional School student handbook or classroom rules is prohibited. Response to violations of the Lafayette Regional School student handbook, however, should be designed to maximize student academic, emotional and social success, while at the same time assuring safety of all students, staff and school visitors. With this objective, the Lafayette Regional School Board endorses adoption of a Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness (“MTSS-B”) as the framework for the Lafayette Regional School student handbook. District personnel who interact with students are expected to utilize progressive disciplinary measures, and to place emphasis on educating students so they may grow in self-discipline. Suspensions and expulsions shall be administered consistent with the applicable student code of conduct and Board policy JICD.

**Student Code of Conduct**

The Lafayette Regional School Board delegates to the Principal, in consultation with the appropriate counselor, the responsibility of adopting and implementing a Student Code of Conduct with such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she deems necessary to implement the objectives of this policy, and reflects the three-tiered

support prevention of framework of MTSS-B: school-wide approaches; targeted supports for at-risk students; and individualized services for highest-needs students.

The Lafayette Regional School Student Code of Conduct shall be submitted to the Lafayette Regional School Board for review each year, either separately or with the applicable student handbook. Consistent with the Board's statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations and procedures, the School Board retains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any provision of the Student Code of Conduct

The Lafayette Regional School Code of Conduct shall include:

1. A graduated and age-appropriate system of supports and intervention strategies, such as:
  - parent conferences,
  - counseling,
  - peer mediation,
  - instruction in conflict resolution and anger management,
  - parent counseling and training,
  - community service, and
  - rearranging class schedules.
2. Graduated and age-appropriate disciplinary consequences such as:
  - restriction from extra-curricular activities,
  - temporary (same day) removal from class or activity,
  - detention,
  - temporary reassignment/in-school suspension,
  - out-of-school suspension, and
  - expulsion.
3. Provisions describing how and when short term suspensions of up to 5 days, short term suspensions up to 10 days, long term suspensions up to 20 days, and/or expulsion should be imposed. These standards shall make reference to and reflect:
  - the nature and degree of disruption caused to the school environment;
  - the threat to the health and safety of pupils and school personnel, volunteers or visitors;
  - whether the conduct or behavior is isolated or repeated.

All temporary (same day) removal from classrooms or activities, restriction from activities, detentions, suspensions and expulsions shall comport with applicable laws, regulations and Board policy JICD.

4. Information regarding RSA 193:13, 193-D, this policy, Board policy JICD, and other Board policies or District/school rules regulating student conduct on and off-campus. Except where the complete text of a statute, regulation or policy is

required, the Code of Conduct should include age appropriate language. E.g., summaries for elementary grade levels.

### **Implementation and Notice**

The Principal shall assure that the Lafayette Regional School Student Code of Conduct, complete with the information set out in number four, above, shall be printed in full in each student handbook, made available to parents at the beginning of the school year, publicly available on the school, District and/or SAU district website [or in some other manner to assure parental notification if neither the school district nor SAU maintain a website].

Additionally, the Principal shall assure student awareness of the Lafayette Regional School Student Code of Conduct and other District policies and building rules through print, postings and periodic announcements.

The Superintendent should designate personnel to explore the availability of and pursue any State or Federal grants, technical assistance and professional development opportunities available to facilitate implementation of MTSS-B per RSA 135-F:5, I(c) and (d).

### **Parental Notification of Simple Assaults**

Pursuant to RSA 193-D:4, I (b), the Principal is directed to adopt and implement procedures requiring parents/guardians of each student involved in a simple assault (victim and perpetrator) occurring during the school day, when such assault causes: any form of bodily injury, including bruising or discoloration, or would otherwise constitute a disciplinable offense under the Lafayette Regional School Student Code of Conduct. For purposes of this policy, "simple assault" shall have the same meaning as that provided in RSA 631:2-a (a simple assault occurs when one purposefully or knowingly causes bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact to another; or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon).

### **Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities**

If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the New Hampshire RSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any class or activity removal, suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

### **Legal References:**

RSA 135-F:5, System of Care for Children/Duties of Commissioner of Dept. of Education

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils

RSA 193-D:4, Written Report Required

RSA 631:2-a, Simple Assault

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(f)(4), Student Discipline

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(g), Suspension & Expulsion

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.06, Culture and Climate

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317.04(b), Disciplinary Procedures

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