

## 506 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the School District's expectations for student conduct. Compliance with this policy will enhance the School District's ability to maintain discipline and ensure that there is no interference with the educational process. The School District will take appropriate disciplinary action when students fail to adhere to the Student Citizenship Handbook established under this policy.

### II. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education believes that discipline is the positive direction of behavior toward established standards of conduct, fully understood by all, and based upon reason, judgment, and the rights of others. School discipline is to be administered firmly, fairly, and with consideration for the maturity of the individual student.

Students must accept certain responsibilities regarding their behavior in school. Parents likewise, through teaching and example, have a responsibility to develop in their children an understanding of and respect for school, which includes support for rules and regulations that are necessary to protect the welfare of all.

It shall be the policy of the Northfield Public Schools that the following will not be tolerated: (1) disruption of the learning process; (2) interference with the orderly conduct of school and school activities; (3) infringement of the rights of others; or, (4) violations of public law. The Board of Education will support District personnel who, when dealing with students in disciplinary matters, act in accordance with state law, District policy, sound professional judgment, and individual building/program procedures.

The Board of Education delegates implementation of the policy on Student Discipline to the school administration, who shall develop and annually review sound disciplinary procedures with their teaching staffs for their individual buildings as detailed in the current Student Citizenship Handbook. The Student Citizenship Handbook, issued pursuant to this policy, shall be annually reviewed and approved by the School Board.

### III. DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY

The School District will notify students and parents of the existence and contents of this policy through the Student Citizenship Handbook, which shall be available upon request in each principal's office.

Policy 506 - Student Discipline

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School Board

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 659

Northfield, MN

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota Students)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.232 (Character Development Education)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.26 (School Preassessment Teams)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.27 (School and Community Advisory Team)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.29 (Reporting; Chemical Abuse)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.575 (Alternatives to Pupil Suspension)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.582 (Reasonable Force)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.60-121A.61 (Removal From Class)  
Minn. Stat. § 123A.05 (Area Learning Center Organization)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.03 (Enrollment Options Program)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.08 (Enrollment in Nonresident District)  
Minn. Stat. Ch.125A (Students With Disabilities)  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 260A (Truancy)  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 260C (Juvenile Court Act)  
20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1487 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)  
29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)

***Cross References:*** Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)  
Policy 501 (School Weapons)  
Policy 503 (Student Attendance)  
Policy 504 (Student Dress and Appearance)  
Policy 505 (Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 526 (Student Hazing Prohibition)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 610 (Field Trips)