STANDARDS OF CONDUCT 5100.0

It is the responsibility of the Meriden Public Schools to provide an environment which is safe, healthy and conducive to learning. It is clear that in order to implement effectively the Standards of Conduct for Students contained in this policy, cooperation and mutual support on matters of discipline and attendance are necessary between home and school.

Students, teachers and administrators have the right to expect mutual courtesy and fair and equitable treatment and to be informed of their rights and responsibilities. The goals of the schools are to assist students in developing the ability for self-direction and self-discipline and to provide opportunities for decision-making. However, in the pursuit of these goals, those students who infringe on the rights of others or who violate school policies and regulations will be subject to corrective action. In all cases, the rights of students will be preserved and protected.

Listed below are the minimum standards of conduct for students at all levels of the Meriden Public Schools. The administration of each individual school is expected to inform the school community in writing of these standards and its specific rules for interpreting these standards. The Superintendent has the responsibility to work with principals in developing guidelines and procedures for uniform implementation where consistency is necessary and desirable. It is recognized that in order to implement the following standards effectively, cooperation between parents and certified staff is required.

Students must show courtesy and consideration for all members of the school community.

Students must behave in a manner that is not disruptive to the educational process.

Students must comply with classroom procedures and requirements as designed for their individual needs.

Students must dress in a manner that does not interfere with the work of the school nor create a safety hazard to themselves or others.

Students are required to comply with state, local and school health, safety and attendance regulations.

Students are required to comply with state statutes and local laws and regulations regarding possession, sale or use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

The use or possession of intoxicants on school property, in any vehicle while such vehicle is being used to transport students for the school, or at school events is prohibited. Attendance at any school sponsored event or activity while under the influence of intoxicants is prohibited.

The administration of each individual school is given authority to take appropriate action to ensure compliance with this policy.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-221

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