



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) believes that ethical and responsible behavior is an essential part of the educational mission of the RSU. To that end, this system-wide Code of Conduct (Code) has been developed with input from school staff, students, parents and community members. The Code defines our collective expectations for student, staff, parent, and community behavior and provides the framework for a safe, orderly and respectful learning environment.

I. Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior

This Code is intended to support and encourage all RSU personnel to meet the following community-wide standards for ethical and responsible behavior:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Tolerance
- Fairness
- Responsibility
- Courage

II. Code of Conduct

All RSU personnel are expected to comply with the Code, all RSU policies and school rules. The Code applies:

- On RSU property;
- While in attendance at any RSU school or any RSU-sponsored activity, or at any time or place that such conduct directly interferes with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the RSU.

III. General Behavior Expectations of RSU students

The following expectations for student behavior are fundamental to a safe, orderly and respectful environment in our schools and at RSU-sponsored/related events. Each student is expected to:

1. Be courteous to fellow students, staff and visitors;
2. Respect the rights and privileges of other students, school staff, visitors and guests;
3. Obey all RSU policies and school rules governing student conduct;
4. Follow directions from RSU staff;
5. Cooperate with staff in maintaining school safety and order;
6. Arrive at school ready to learn and be a positive participant of the school;
7. Meet RSU standards for grooming and dress;
8. Respect the property of others, including RSU property and facilities;
9. Not cheat or plagiarize;
10. Refrain from vulgarity, profanity, obscenity, lewdness and/or indecency.

Violations of this Code will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary consequences depend upon the seriousness of the violation and will take into account the student's prior disciplinary record. Consequences will range from a verbal warning for minor misconduct up to and including expulsion for the most serious offenses.

Any behavior that violates State/Federal law will be referred to local law enforcement authorities.

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