

GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT

POLICY 3240: STUDENT CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

Student Conduct and Expectations

The Board acknowledges that student conduct and behavior are closely associated with learning. An effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment. The Board therefore requires that each student adhere to the rules of conduct established by the District and its various schools and programs and submit to discipline taken as a result of conduct violations.

Students are expected to:

1. Respect the rights, person, and property of others;
2. Pursue the required course of study;
3. Preserve the degree of order necessary for a positive climate for learning;
4. Comply with District rules and regulations; and
5. Respect the authority of staff and reasonable discipline imposed by school employees and respond accordingly.

Students who involve themselves in acts that have a detrimental effect on the maintenance and operation of the school or the District, criminal acts, and/or violations of District rules and regulations may be subject to discipline by the District and prosecution under the law.

The superintendent or designee will develop reasonable rules of student conduct (see Procedure 3240P) for the preservation of the health and safety of students and employees and the preservation of an educational process that is conducive to learning. Such rules will state with reasonable clarity the types of misconduct for which discipline, including suspension and expulsion, may be imposed.

In accordance with state law, the student conduct rules adopted by the District will be interpreted to ensure that the optimum learning environment of the classroom is maintained, and that the highest consideration is given to the judgment of qualified certificated educators regarding the conditions necessary to maintain the optimum learning environment.

Student conduct rules will be enforced by school officials:

1. On school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours;
2. On school grounds at any other time, including when school is being used by a school group(s) or for a school activity;
3. Off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event;

4. Off school grounds if the actions of the student materially or substantially affect or interfere with the educational process; or
5. Upon school-provided transportation, designated District bus stops, or any other place while under the authority of school personnel.

In addition to the rules established in Procedure 3240P, schools may develop and implement site-specific rules for student conduct (examples include establishing off-limits areas, prohibiting food on carpet, etc.). Such rules must be consistent with the District’s student conduct rules.

The superintendent or designee will make the District’s policies and procedures regarding student conduct rules and student discipline available to students, parents/guardians, employees, and the community. The District will annually provide policies/procedures 3240 and 3241 to District personnel, students, and parents/guardians, which may require language assistance for students and parents/guardians with limited-English proficiency.

The superintendent or designee will ensure that employees and contractors are knowledgeable about the District’s discipline policies and procedures.

The District will develop and periodically review its discipline policies and procedures with the participation of school personnel, students, parents, families, and the community. During the development and review of discipline policies and procedures, the District will use disaggregated data collected under RCW 28A.300.042 to monitor the impact of the District’s discipline policies, procedures, and practices and to update such policies and procedures to improve fairness and equity in the administration of discipline.

The principal and certificated employees in each school building will confer at least annually for the purpose of developing and/or reviewing building disciplinary standards and the uniform enforcement of those standards, in accordance with RCW 28A.400.110.

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Cross References:	2151	Interscholastic Activities
	2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
	2162	Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504
	3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
	3205	Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited
	3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
	3210	Nondiscrimination
	3220	Freedom of Expression
	3224	Student Dress
	3230	Student Privacy and Searches
	3241	Discipline for Student Misconduct
	3225	Personally Owned Telecommunication and Electronic Devices

3246 Use of Reasonable Force

	4210	Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
	4215	Tobacco Use

- Legal References:
- RCW 28A.210.310 Prohibition on use of tobacco products on school property
 - RCW 28A.320.128 Notice and disclosure policies—Threats of violence—Student conduct—Immunity for good faith notice—Penalty
 - RCW 28A.400.110 Principal to assure appropriate student discipline—Building discipline standards—Classes to improve classroom management skills
 - RCW 28A.600.015 Expulsions and suspensions—Rules incorporating due process—Short-term and long-term suspensions—Emergency expulsions—Discretionary discipline
 - RCW 28A.600.020 Exclusion of student from classroom—Written disciplinary procedures—Long-term suspension or expulsion
 - RCW 28A.600.022 Suspended or expelled students—Reengagement plan
 - RCW 28A.600.040 Pupils to comply with rules and regulations
 - RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property—Liability of pupil, parent, or guardian—Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts—Suspension and restitution—Voluntary work program as alternative—Rights protected
 - RCW 28A.635.090 Interference by force or violence—Penalty
 - RCW 28A.635.100 Intimidating any administrator, teacher, classified employee, or student by threat of force or violence unlawful—Penalty
 - RCW 4.24.190 Action against parent for willful injury to person or property by minor—Monetary limitation—Common law liability preserved
 - RCW 9.41 Firearms and dangerous weapons
 - RCW 9.91.160 Personal protection spray devices
 - RCW 9A.16.020 Use of force — When lawful
 - 20 U.S.C. § 7101 *et seq.* Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
 - Chapter 392-400 WAC Student Discipline

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