

West Central School District 49-7

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Staff and students share responsibility for maintaining a climate in which education can be pursued. What is best for the individual must be balanced with what is most desirable for the entire school population.

The following principles will be observed by the school staff in maintaining student control and discipline in the schools:

1. It is believed that most individuals modify behavior faster under praise than under blame. Therefore, the general approach to discipline will be a positive one. This will include attempting to identify the social, emotional, and academic problems that underlie a students' poor attitude or misconduct, and striving to meet social, emotional, and academic needs.
2. Every individual needs to feel worthy and accepted as a person. In criticizing a student for conduct or attitude and in taking disciplinary action, teachers and other staff members will endeavor to show that it is behavior that is unacceptable, not the student.
3. The best discipline is self-discipline. Modes of student control over classroom management will offer students the freedom to acquire self-control and self-discipline. This freedom will be extended in keeping with the student's maturity.

Within the above guidelines and specific policies regulating conduct and disciplinary action, the handbooks at each level should be consulted.

The Board extends to all its (school) employees, professional and nonprofessional, the authority to enforce policy and regulations governing student behavior. Students will comply with the directions given them by staff members.

Cross References: JG, subcodes (all relate to student discipline)

Policy:

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