

CODE F1

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Policy

It is the policy of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union and its member school districts (Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, Williston and Champlain Valley Union) to maintain a safe, orderly, civil and positive learning environment. In order to ensure that the school is free from disruptive misconduct, a system of classroom and school management practices, supported by consistent, clear and fair disciplinary procedures will be utilized. The goal of this policy is to create an environment where the rules for student behavior are clearly stated, are understood and accepted by students and staff, and are applied in compliance with due process requirements. This policy is to be applied in conjunction with the school's overall discipline plan developed pursuant to state law.

Definitions

1. **Weapon** means a device, instrument, material or substance whether animate or inanimate, which, when used as it is intended to be used is known to be capable of producing death or serious bodily injury.
2. **School** means any setting which is under the control and supervision of the School District. It includes school grounds, facilities, and school sponsored events and activities whether held on or off school grounds and vehicles used to transport students to and from school or school sponsored events and activities.
3. **Expelled** means the termination of educational services for the remainder of the school year or up to 90 school days, whichever is longer.
4. **Knife** means any instrument that is capable of ready use as a stabbing weapon that may inflict bodily injury or death.

Student Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of each student to contribute to a safe and productive learning environment in the school by demonstrating respect and consideration for fellow students and adults. This includes complying with all policies and rules of conduct of the school district and individual classrooms.

Administrative Responsibilities

The Principal, in consultation with the educational staff, will develop an overall discipline plan pursuant to state statute. Disciplinary action, suspension or expulsion of students for misconduct occurring during any school-sponsored activity shall follow due process requirements.

The plan will include clear guidelines for student behavior. The guidelines for student behavior will include:

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- Prohibitions against the possession by students of knives, weapons and dangerous instruments while at school, and
- Shall allow disciplinary action up to and include expulsion for violations of the prohibition against knives, weapons and dangerous instruments that are not possessed as school as part of an educational program sponsored or sanctioned by the school.
- Behavioral expectations, and the consequences of misconduct, will be stated in the student handbook and other publications provided to students and parents/guardians.

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Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. §1161a
16 V.S.A. §1162
20 U.S.C. § § 1400 et seq.
29 U.S.C. § 794
Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices §4311, 4312, 4313, 2120.8.12

Cross Reference(s):
Searches, Seizures, and Interrogation of Students by Law Enforcement Personnel or Other Non-School Personnel (F5);
Search, Seizure and Interrogation of Students by School Personnel (F4)
Substance Use Policy (F9)
Weapons Policy (F21)
Board Commitment to Non-Discrimination (C9)
Public Complaints about Personnel (D9)
Bullying Prevention (F38)
Policy on Prevention of Harassment of Students (F20)