

CODE OF CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Code Philosophy/Scope

The District is committed to maintaining a favorable academic atmosphere. Teachers are expected to create a positive learning climate for students in their classrooms and to maintain proper order. Students are expected to behave in the classroom in a manner that supports a learning environment conducive to classroom instruction and learning activities.

Student behavior that is dangerous or disruptive may result in removal from the classroom and subject the student to disciplinary action in accordance with established Board policies, school rules and Wisconsin law.

The standards of behavior and disciplinary actions found in this policy will comply with the School District of New Berlin's Nondiscrimination Policy 5110.

This code of classroom conduct applies to all students in grades K-12 with age-appropriate consequences.

Student Removal from Class

A teacher may remove a student from class if the student is dangerous, unruly or disruptive or exhibits behavior that interferes with the ability of the teacher to teach effectively, or those listed in policy 5131.2, CONDUCT - CAUSES AND PROCEDURES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

The teacher shall send the pupil to the school principal or his/her designee and notify the school principal or his/her designee immediately of the reasons for the removal. In addition, the teacher shall provide to the principal or his or her designee within 24 hours after the pupil's removal from the class a written explanation of the reasons for the removal. Wis. Stat. 118.164(2)

Follow up Procedures

Behavior resulting in a student being removed from the class is considered serious as it disrupts the learning of the student and those in the classroom.

When a student is removed from class, the classroom teacher will notify the parent within 24 hours of the offense to inform the parent of the circumstances surrounding the removal. A follow up conference will be scheduled if necessary.

The principal or designee shall confer with the student and determine the appropriate disciplinary action, when required. The student shall return to the class or to an alternate setting at the discretion of the principal or designee.

The principal or designee may consult with other appropriate school personnel as the administrator or designee deems necessary when making or evaluating placement decisions. A student's parent/guardian may also be consulted regarding student placement decisions when determined by the principal or designee to be in the best interests of the persons involved or required by law.

When considering disciplinary action, the principal or designee will consider:

1. The reason the student was removed from class.
2. Severity of the offense.
3. Type of placement options available for students in that particular school and any limitations on such placements (costs, space availability, location).
4. The estimated length of time of placement.
5. The student's individual needs and interests.
6. Whether the student has been removed from a teacher's class before (repeat offender).

The principal or designee will inform parents of a disciplinary action.

In the case of a serious offense, responses will follow procedures outlined in Policy 5131.2.

Appeal Process

All parties have the right to a full and impartial review of action taken for code violations. The first step is between the appealing party and respective administrator. The next steps may proceed through the administrator and superintendent or designee. The appeal must be initiated within ten (10) school days of the decision.

Legal Reference:

Wis. Statutes 118.164;

Wis. Statutes 120.13(1)(a).

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