

STUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Board of Education of the Deer Creek School District adopts the following policy and procedures dealing with student conduct and behavior:

General Expectations:

Deer Creek Public Schools is a community with rules and regulations. Those who enjoy the rights and privileges it provides must also accept the responsibilities that inclusion demands, including respect for and obedience to school rules. The Deer Creek Board of Education believes that an important responsibility of any school system is to teach acceptable social conduct. Reasonable standards of conduct are to be established and adherence to those standards shall be insisted upon.

Student Code of Conduct:

Students in school buildings, on school grounds, using district property, or attending a district-sanctioned event shall not engage in any of the following:

1. Any conduct, the purpose of which is to obstruct, disrupt, or interfere with teaching, research, service, administrative or disciplinary functions, or any other activity sponsored or approved by the Board of Education.
2. Physical, emotional, or mental abuse of, or threat of harm directed against another person because of his or her race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, and/or sexual orientation by directly communicating, broadcasting, publishing, and/or distributing, or causing or allowing to be broadcast, published or distributed, any abusive or threatening material. This includes antisemitism, which is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.
3. Engaging in bullying which is defined as any pattern of harassment, intimidation, threatening behavior, physical acts, verbal or electronic communication directed toward a student or group of students that results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with the intent to cause negative educational or physical results and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education of any student; ~~a-~~Electronic communication is defined as the communication of any written, verbal, pictorial information or video content by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, a mobile, or cellular telephone or other wireless communication device, or a computer.

4. Damage, or threat of damage, to property of the school, regardless of the location, or to property of a member of the community or a visitor to the school, when such property is located on district owned, controlled, attended, or supervised premises.
5. Forceful or unauthorized entry into or upon, or occupation of, school district facilities including buildings and grounds.
6. Unlawful use, possession, distribution, sale, or trade of drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances, or any substance or material believed to be drugs, alcohol or controlled substances, or any substance which is capable of causing or producing mood alteration or behavioral changes.
7. Conduct or speech that violates commonly accepted standards of society within the community.
8. Displaying or being in possession of items which contain racist symbology (Swastika, Confederate Flag, etc.)
9. Failure to comply with the reasonable and lawful directions of school district officials or law enforcement officers, acting in the performance of their duties, or failure to identify themselves to such officials or officers when directed to do so.
10. Any conduct constituting a breach of any federal, state, or city law or ordinance or duly adopted policy of the board of education.

In addition, conduct occurring outside of the normal school day or off school property that has a direct and immediate negative effect on the discipline or educational process or effectiveness of the school. The District, through the Superintendent or principal, may refer matters to local law enforcement for investigation and prosecution and may pursue criminal complaints and/or charges when a student's actions are criminal in nature. Any student knowingly violating any of these policies and regulations will be subject to warning, reprimand, probation, suspension, or expulsion in addition to any civil or criminal proceedings or prosecution.