

2023 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

REGIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

All Regional Summer School Program teachers, students and parents are required to follow the approved [OCM BOCES Code of Conduct](#). Please take note of the Student Bill of Rights, also copied below.

II. STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

With every right comes a responsibility

It is the student's right:

- 1) To attend school
- 2) To expect that school will be a safe, orderly and purposeful place for all students to gain an education and to be treated fairly. 3) To be respected as an individual.
- 4) To express one's opinions verbally or in writing.
- 5) To dress in such a way as to express one's personality.
- 6) To be afforded equal and appropriate educational opportunities.
- 7) To take part in all school activities on an equal basis regardless of race, color creed, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, ethnic group, political affiliation, age, marital status, disability, or any other legally protect status.
- 8) To have access to relevant and objective information concerning drug and alcohol abuse, as well as access to individuals or agencies capable of providing direct assistance to students with serious personal problems.
- 9) To be protected from intimidation, harassment or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, sex, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation disability or any other legally protected status, by employees or students on school property or at a school-sponsored event, function or activity.

It is the student's responsibility:

- 1) To attend school daily, arrive on time and strive to do the highest quality work possible
- 2) To be aware of all rules and expectations regulating a student's behavior and conduct oneself in accordance with these guidelines.
- 3) To respect one another and to treat others in the manner that one would want to be treated.
- 4) To express opinions and ideas in a respectful manner so as not to offend, slander, or restrict, the rights and privileges of others.
- 5) To dress appropriately in accordance with the dress code, so as not to endanger physical health, safety, limit participation in school activities or be unduly distracting.
- 6) To be aware of available educational programs in order to use and develop one's capabilities to their maximum.
- 7) To work to the best of one's ability in all academic and extracurricular activities, as well as being fair and supportive of others.
- 8) To be aware of the information and services available and to seek assistance in dealing with personal problems, when appropriate.
- 9) To respect one another and treat others fairly in accordance with the District Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Dignity Act. To conduct themselves in a manner that fosters an environment that is free from intimidation, harassment or discrimination. To report and encourage others, to report any incidents of intimidation, harassment or discrimination.

Please take note of the following:

Appropriate conduct and language in an in-person and virtual environment.

Students are expected to act appropriately, show respect for staff and fellow students, and follow directions. Actions that are disruptive to the educational experience of fellow students might include offensive language (written and verbal) and inappropriate and/or obscene images and may result in disciplinary action.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated and may result in failing the course and/or dismissal from summer school.

DASA/Acts Intended to Injure or Create Fear or Injury-Such as Bullying

Students may not harass, threaten, bully, or create a hostile environment through verbal threats or via cyber use (cyberbullying). Such actions may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from summer school.

Students must not engage in conduct that is insubordinate

Examples of insubordinate conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Failing to comply with the lawful directions of teachers, OCM BOCES administrators or other school employees in charge of students or otherwise demonstrating disrespect.
2. Lateness for, missing or leaving OCM BOCES property without permission.

Students must not engage in conduct that is violent

Examples of violent conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Committing an act of violence (such as hitting, kicking, punching, biting, spitting, and scratching) upon a teacher, administrator or other OCM BOCES employee.
2. Committing an act of violence (such as hitting, kicking, punching, and scratching) upon another student or any other person lawfully on OCM BOCES property.
3. Engaging in harassing conduct, verbal threats, intimidation, or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student fear for his or her physical well-being.
4. Possessing a weapon. Authorized law enforcement officials are the only persons permitted to have a weapon in their possession while on OCM BOCES property or at an OCM BOCES function.

5. Displaying what appears to be a weapon.
6. Threatening to use any weapon.
7. Using any weapon.
8. Intentionally damaging or destroying OCM BOCES property, the personal property of a student, teacher, administrator, other district employee or any person lawfully on OCM BOCES property, including graffiti or arson.
9. Communication by any means, including oral, written or electronic (such as through the Internet, email or texting) off school property, where the content of such communication (a) can reasonably be interpreted as a threat to commit an act of violence on school property; or (b) results in material or substantial disruption to the educational environment.

Students must not engage in any conduct that endangers the safety, morals, health, or welfare of others.

Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Lying to OCM BOCES personnel.
2. Stealing OCM BOCES property, the property of other students, OCM BOCES personnel or any other person lawfully on school property or attending a school function.
3. Acts of sexual harassment as defined in the OCM BOCES sexual harassment policy.
4. Selling, using or possessing obscene material.
5. Defamation, which includes making false or unprivileged statements or representations about an individual or identifiable group of individuals that harm the reputation of the person or the identifiable group by demeaning them. This can include posting or publishing video, audio recordings or pictures (written material, cell phones, Internet, YouTube, etc.).
6. Discrimination, based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, sex, or any other legally protected status as a basis for treating another in a negative manner on school property or at a school function.
7. Harassment or Bullying.
8. Cyberbullying.
9. Hazing.
10. Retaliation.

11. Displaying signs of gang affiliation or engaging in gang-related behaviors that are observed to increase the level of conflict or violent behavior.

12. Smoking a cigarette, cigar, pipe or using chewing or smokeless tobacco.

13. Possessing, consuming, selling, distributing or exchanging alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, nicotine products or illegal substances, counterfeit and designer drugs or paraphernalia for use of such drugs or being under the influence of any such substances on school property or at a school function. "Illegal substances" include inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes (including synthetic cannabinoids), any substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs", and prescription or over-the-counter drugs when possession has not been authorized in accordance with BOCES' procedures or such are inappropriately used or shared with others. A student shall be considered "under the influence" if he or she has any quantity of alcohol or illegal substances in his or her system, has used any quantity of alcohol or illegal substances within a time frame reasonably proximate to his/her presence on school property, on school transportation, or at a school-sponsored function and/or exhibits symptoms of such use as to lead to the reasonable conclusion of consumption

Child Protective Services

BOCES officials as mandated reporters will report suspicion of an abused, maltreated, or neglected child.

2022 ATTENDANCE REGIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The OCM BOCES and our component districts have high expectations that both students and their families commit to attending RSS every day.

OCM BOCES Regional Summer School

OCM BOCES Regional Summer School is a program that requires special attention in terms of attendance. The following outlines the expectations for students.

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and be present for the entire class period. There are **no** "excused absences" such as illness, vacation, sporting events, camps, court appearances, doctor's appointments, religious activities, or hospitalization.

Students who are absent more than two days from a semester course may be dismissed/withdrawn from Regional Summer School.