

| NEPN/NSBA Code: JK
| M.S.A.D. #12 POLICY
| STUDENT DISCIPLINE

| It is essential for this school to maintain a safe and orderly environment which supports
| student learning and achievement. Good discipline allows the school to discharge its primary
| responsibility to educate students and promote good citizenship. All students are expected to
| conduct themselves with respect for others and in accordance with School Board policies,
| school rules, and applicable state and federal laws. Disciplinary action may be taken against
| students who violate policies, rules, or laws, and/or whose conduct directly interferes with
| the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.

| The Board expects the following principles to guide the development and implementation of
| school rules and disciplinary procedures:

- | A. | Discipline should emphasize positive reinforcement for appropriate |
| | behavior, as well as appropriate consequences for misbehavior. The focus |
| | should be on providing a school environment where students are engaged in |
| | constructive learning and interactions with others.
- | B. | Expectations for student behavior should be clear and communicated to |
| | school staff, students and parents.
- | C. | Consequences for misbehavior should be in proportion to the offense, fair |
| | and consistently enforced.
- | D. | Parents should be actively involved in the process of preventing and |
| | resolving disciplinary problems at school.

| Physical force and corporal punishment shall not be used as disciplinary methods. State law
| provides that "a teacher or other person entrusted with the care or supervision of a person
| for special or limited purposes may not be held civilly liable for the use of a reasonable
| degree of force against the person who creates a disturbance if the teacher or other person
| reasonably believes it is necessary to a) control the disturbing behavior; or b) remove the
| person from the scene of the disturbance."

| Teachers are authorized to make and enforce rules for effective classroom management and to
| foster appropriate student behavior, subject to the direction and approval by the
| Principal/designee.
| School-wide rules shall be developed by the Principal with appropriate input from school
| staff, students and parents and subject to approval by the Superintendent. The Principal
| shall provide for the suspension or other serious disciplinary action against students in
| accordance with Board policies, administrative procedures and Maine law.

| Legal Reference:

| 17-A MRSA § 106
| 20-A MRSA § 4009
| Ch. 125.23, B, 5, 1 (Maine Dept. of Ed. Rule)

| Cross Reference:

| AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
| ACAA - Student Harassment and Sexual Harassment
| JICIA - Weapons, Violence and School Safety
| JKB - Student Detention
| JKD - Suspension of Students
| JKE - Expulsion of Students
| JFKF - Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities

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