

**SCHOOLS AGAINST VIOLENCE IN EDUCATION**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive and district personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, and parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The district has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty, and integrity.

The Board of Education recognizes the need to clearly define these expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, identify the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline, when necessary, is administered promptly and fairly. To this end, the Board of Education adopts this *Code of Conduct*.

Unless otherwise indicated, this *Code of Conduct* applies to all students, school personnel, parents, and other visitors when on school property or attending a school function.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this code, the following definitions apply.

*“Disruptive student”* means a student under the age of 21 who is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially interferes with the teacher’s authority over the classroom.

*“Parent”* means the biological, adoptive or foster parent, guardian or person in parental relation to a student.

*“School property”* means in or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, parking lot or land contained within the real property boundary line of a public elementary or secondary school, or in or on a school bus, as defined in NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law 142.

*“School function”* means any school-sponsored extracurricular event or activity.

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### **II. DEFINITIONS** (continued)

*"Violent student"* means a student under the age of 21 who:

1. Commits an act of violence upon a school employee.
2. Commits, while on school property or at a school function, an act of violence upon another student or any other person lawfully on school property or at the school function.
3. Possesses, while on school property or at a school function, a weapon.
4. Displays, while on school property or at a school function, what appears to be a weapon.
5. Threatens, while on school property or at a school function, to use a weapon.
6. Knowingly and intentionally damages or destroys the personal property of any school employee or any person lawfully on school property or at a school function.
7. Knowingly and intentionally damages or destroys school district property.

*"Weapon"* means a firearm as defined in 18 USC §921 for purposes of the Gun Free Schools Act. It also means any other gun, pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle, machine gun, disguised gun, dagger, dirk, razor, stiletto, switchblade knife, gravity knife, brass knuckles, sling shot, metal knuckle knife, box cutters, cane sword, electronic dart gun, Kung Fu star, electronic stun gun, pepper spray or other noxious spray, explosive or incendiary bomb, or other device, instrument, material or substance that can cause serious physical injury or death when used as a weapon.

*"Informal"* teacher removal means that the teacher is employing short-term, time-honored classroom management techniques such as "time out" in an elementary classroom or in an administrator's office or sending students briefly into the hallway. This type of removal is short term and is less than a full period/block in length.

*"Formal"* teacher removal means that Project S.A.V.E. procedures are instituted. A teacher may remove a student for up to two (2) class periods. The procedures outlined in this *Code of Conduct* for "formal" teacher removal must be followed in this case.

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