

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

The Biddeford School Committee is committed to maintaining a supportive and orderly school environment in order to provide quality education. In this environment, students will develop into ethical, responsible and involved citizens. The Biddeford School Committee believes that each member of the school community should take responsibility for his/her own behavior.

To achieve this goal, the Biddeford School System has established a set of expectations. These expectations are based on the values identified by the community as essential to ethical and responsible behavior.

INTEGRITY
RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR
RESPECT
COURAGE

Having considered the input of administrators, parents, students, and the community, the Biddeford School Committee adopts this School-Community Code of Conduct, consistent with the requirements of 20-A MRSA § 1001(15)(Adoption of Student Code of Conduct).

The Code applies to individuals who are on school property, who are in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school.

Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior

With rights, come responsibilities. Students are expected to demonstrate conduct consistent with the school community's values. Such conduct is fundamental to a supportive, safe, and orderly school environment and a civil society.

A. INTEGRITY

1. Makes decisions based on truth whether or not they are popular.
2. Speaks and defends the truth always.
3. Accepts accountability for one's actions.
4. Remains true to one's word.

B. RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR

1. Performs to the best of his/her ability.
2. Desires to serve in order to better the community.
3. Acts in a manner that is consistent, dependable and reliable.
4. Acknowledges mistakes and owns up to personal action.

C. RESPECT

1. Listens to the ideas of others, gives them fair consideration while accepting their uniqueness.
2. Acts in a manner that is polite, considerate, civil, gracious, and courteous to others and to their property.
3. Treats others, as they would like to be treated.

D. COURAGE

1. Demonstrates the willingness to change.
2. Seeks help when needed.
3. Stands up for their own beliefs and those of others, even if they differ.

Legal References: 20-A MRS § 1001(15)(Adoption of Student Code of Conduct)

Cross References: ADAA – School System Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior

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