

5500 EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board of Education believes that students should commit themselves to learning and to the development of their unique potential. Students should know that their attitudes and acts affect both their own and their classmates' learning and should accept responsibility for helping to create a positive school environment. With the support and assistance of school staff members and parent(s) or legal guardian(s), all students can contribute to the effectiveness of the school and the value of their education.

The Board expects all students in this school district, commensurate with their age and ability, to:

1. Prepare themselves mentally and physically for the process of learning;
2. Respect the person, property, and intellectual and creative products of others;
3. Take responsibility for their own behavior;
4. Use time and other resources responsibly;
5. Share responsibilities when working with others;
6. Meet the requirements of each course of study;
7. Monitor their own progress toward school objectives; and
8. Communicate with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and appropriate school staff members.

The Superintendent shall, in consultation with staff members, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and, where appropriate, students, develop a statement of specific student behaviors that exemplify these expectations and shall publish both this policy and the statement of behaviors to all students, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and professional staff members.

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The following specific behaviors exemplify the conduct expected of students, in accordance with Policy No. 5500.

- A. Students will prepare themselves mentally and physically for the process of learning by:
1. Being well-nourished, rested, clean, and properly dressed and groomed;
 2. Being free of drugs and alcohol and refraining from smoking; and
 3. Developing attitudes that will prepare them for listening, participating, and learning.
- B. Students will respect the person, property, and intellectual and creative products of others by:
1. Being always honest, forthcoming, and courteous;
 2. Displaying care for the property of others;
 3. Acknowledging the intellectual work of others when it is incorporated into their work;
 4. Accepting the rights of others to their own opinions and beliefs;
 5. Resolving disputes and differences peacefully;
 6. Displaying loyalty and good sportsmanship; and
 7. Helping to maintain school facilities that are neat and clean.
- C. Students will take responsibility for their own behavior and learning by:
1. Recognizing that academic endeavor is the primary purpose of school attendance;
 2. Completing all homework, classwork, and assigned projects on time;
 3. Preparing for each class by bringing necessary supplies and equipment;
 4. Making personal choices that are based on sound reasoning and decision-making;



5. Accepting constructive criticism; and
 6. Acknowledging and accepting the consequences of their own actions.
- D. Students will use time and other resources responsibly by:
1. Attending school regularly and promptly and striving for a perfect attendance record;
 2. Using study periods and library time for school work; and
 3. Using books and other equipment appropriately.
- E. Students will share responsibilities when working with others by:
1. Cooperating with others in the work of the group;
 2. Contributing talents and services as appropriate;
 3. Accepting leadership when appropriate; and
 4. Respecting the rights and opinions of others in a group setting.
- F. Students will meet the requirements of each course of study by:
1. Participating actively and appropriately in the scheduled class;
 2. Following the rules and procedures established for the class by the teacher;
 3. Bringing to class the textbook, clothing, and other materials necessary for participation; and
 4. Observing school rules for the safe handling of class equipment and materials.
- G. Students will monitor their own progress toward school objectives by:
1. Carefully planning courses of study and schedules;
 2. Promptly seeking staff assistance as required; and
 3. Maintaining records of progress.



- H. Students will communicate with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and appropriate school staff members about school matters by:
1. Discussing progress in school with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and relaying necessary information to parent(s) or legal guardian(s);
 2. Transmitting school letters, forms, and notices to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and returning required responses to school staff members;
 3. Conferring with appropriate staff members when a problem occurs; and
 4. Developing with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) a clear idea of their educational goals.

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5511 DRESS AND GROOMING

The Califon Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress is the result of personal style and individual preferences. The Board will therefore not generally interfere with the rights of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when that choice negatively affects the educational programs, decorum or goals of the district.

Parents/guardians are asked to cooperate in helping the school district attain its objectives and foster pride and good taste in appearance by exercising positive guidance and authority.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to enforce school regulations prohibiting student dress or grooming practices which:

1. Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
2. Materially interfere with school work, create disorder or disrupt the educational program;
3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
4. Prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop regulations to implement this policy.

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R 5511 DRESS CODE

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to enforce the following regulations, which have been deemed by the Board to be reasonable and appropriate.

1. Clothing with liquor advertisements, sexually suggestive messages, profanity, tobacco or gang affiliation slogans, vulgar or obscene symbols, offensive signs, slogans or pictures which degrade any race, societal group, color, creed, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, social or economic status, sexual orientation or people with disabilities is not permitted. Drug related pictures and messages that support and/or condone drug use are also unacceptable.
2. Footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear that is considered "unsafe" (i.e., loose sandals, untied sneakers, etc.) is not permitted.
3. Hats and other head coverings are not permitted unless they are part of a student's religious belief or medical condition.
4. No jewelry is permitted that promotes violence, bigotry, profanity or use of restricted substances. Jewelry must not restrict movement, be distracting, or cause a safety hazard to one's self or others. As a safety precaution, students will not be allowed to participate in the physical education program and/or extra-curricular sports programs while wearing jewelry that is deemed unsafe.
5. Each student must dress in a manner that does not unduly distract from the educational program. Clothing must not be tight, revealing, or suggestive. Midriff, tube tops, strapless tops/dresses, see-through articles, or articles that expose cleavage or stomach, may not be worn. Shorts must be in good taste (mid-thigh).

The regulations shall be enforced by the administration. Students who do not dress accordingly shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Students and parents shall be informed of these regulations annually.

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