



School Committee Policy:

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Discipline

The School Committee expects student conduct to be such as to contribute to a productive learning climate. Individual rights are to be honored and protected in all instances; however, the rights of one individual shall not take precedence over those of another individual or of the group itself, and all pupils shall have equal rights and equal responsibilities in their demeanor in the classroom or on any school property.

It is the philosophy of the Maynard Public Schools that a child's behavior is the joint responsibility of the home and the school.

The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for maintaining a school organization where healthy teacher-student relationships will build attitudes of ever-increasing "self-discipline" on the part of the students.

The School Committee endorses the following principles of student conduct:

1. Respect for law and those given the authority to administer it shall be required for all students. This includes conformity to school rules as well as general provisions of the law regarding minors.
2. Respect for the rights of others, consideration of their privileges, and cooperative citizenship shall be expected of all members of the school community.
3. Respect for real and personal property, pride in one's work, achievement within the range of one's ability, and exemplary personal standards of courtesy, decency, honesty, and wholesome attitudes shall be maintained.
4. Respect for individual worth to the end that every student shall be assisted to the limit of his/her ability is an obligation of the school. Diligence and a sincere desire to profit from the opportunity offered is an obligation of the student.

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