

## **INTEGRITY AND CIVILITY**

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All students are expected to demonstrate integrity, civility, responsibility and self-control. This expectation is directly related to the board's educational objectives for students to learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of their behavior and for students to respect cultural diversity and ideological differences. Integrity, civility, responsibility and self control also are critical for establishing and maintaining a safe, orderly and inviting environment.

### **PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR**

In addition to any standards or rules established by the schools, the following behaviors are specifically prohibited as violative of the standards of integrity and civility:

- X cheating, including the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized assistance or the actual giving or receiving of an unfair advantage on any form of academic work;
- X plagiarizing, including the copying of the language, structure, idea and/or thought of another and representing it as one's own work;
- X violating copyright laws, including unauthorized reproduction, duplication and/or use of printed or electronic work, computer software, or other copyrighted material;
- X cursing or using vulgar, abusive or demeaning language towards another person; and;
- X playing abusive or dangerous tricks or otherwise subjecting a student or personnel to personal indignity.

### **CONSEQUENCES**

Consequences for engaging in prohibited behavior will be provided in accordance with the school's student behavior management plan (see board policy 4302, School Plan for Management of Student Behavior). For repeated or serious violations of this policy, the principal may suspend a student from school for up to ten days.

Legal Reference: 17 U.S.C. 101, 102, 106, 108, 110, 117; G.S. 115C-47, -288, -307, -391

Cross Reference: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program, (policy 3000), Copyright Compliance (policy 3230/7330), School Plan for Management of Student Behavior (policy 4302)

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