

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

**Series 5210
Rights and Responsibilities**

Policy 5215

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

It is the responsibility of the Darien Public Schools to provide an environment that is safe, healthy, and conducive to learning. It is clear that, in order to implement effectively the Standards of Conduct for Students contained in this policy, cooperation and mutual support on matters of discipline and attendance are necessary between home and school.

Students, teachers, and administrators have the right to expect mutual courtesy and fair and equitable treatment and to be informed of their rights and responsibilities. The goals of the schools are to assist students in developing the ability for self-direction and self-discipline and to provide opportunities for decision-making. However, in the pursuit of these goals, those students who infringe on the rights of others or who violate school policies and regulations will be subject to corrective action. In all cases the constitutional rights of students will be preserved and protected.

Listed below are the minimum standards of conduct for students at all levels of the Darien schools. The administration of each individual school is expected to inform the school community in writing of these standards and its specific rules for interpreting these standards. The Superintendent of Schools or his designee has the responsibility to work with principals in developing guidelines and procedures for uniform implementation where consistency is necessary and desirable. It is recognized that in order to implement the following standards effectively, cooperation between parents and professional staff is required. Failure to follow these standards may result in discipline, up to and including expulsion, as provided in the Board's Student Discipline Policy.

Students are expected to show courtesy and consideration for all members of the school community.

Students are expected to behave in a manner that is not disruptive to the educational process.

Students are expected to comply with classroom procedures and requirements as designed for their individual needs.

Students are expected to dress in a manner that does not interfere with the work of the school nor create a safety hazard to themselves or others.

Students are required to comply with state, local and school health, safety, and attendance regulations.

Students are required to comply with State statutes and local laws and regulations regarding possession, sale, or use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Students are not permitted to smoke, or use tobacco products, in the school buildings. Students are not permitted to smoke or use tobacco products on school property or at school-sponsored student activities.

The use, possession, sale or distribution of drugs or alcohol in or on school property, in any vehicle while such vehicle is being used to transport students for the school, or at school events is prohibited. Attendance at school events while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.

The administration of each individual school is given authority to take appropriate action to ensure compliance with this policy.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-221
Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-233b
Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-233c
Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-233d
Connecticut General Statutes, Section 53-198
Connecticut General Statutes, Section 19a-342
Connecticut General Statutes, Section 53-344

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