

Student Conduct

The mission of the Mineral County School District is to provide the best possible education for the children in Mineral County through a variety of quality programs and services, a professional staff, staff training and cooperation with the community.

Each student in Mineral County School District should:

1. Maintain a positive learning attitude in the classroom.
2. Cooperate with fellow students, teachers, and staff members in making MCSD a positive place to be.
3. Use good judgment in making decisions concerning personal behavior.
4. Maintain a safe and clean environment in which to learn.
5. Engage in behavior that enhances everyone's self-esteem and school spirit.
6. Respect the rights and property of others.

In order to work and function as a school community, it is necessary to have a clear set of guidelines. These guidelines are intended to promote a positive learning atmosphere by creating a safe and secure environment while students and teachers are at school. These guidelines must be consistent with Nevada Revised Statutes and Federal law.

In the school community, the teachers are the first line of opportunity for encouraging positive student behavior. In fact, part of a teacher's job is to foster appropriate student behavior. Teachers are accountable for remedying poor student behavior that takes place in the classrooms. Teachers are also responsible for helping monitor student behavior school wide and at school activities.

In the classroom, a teacher must provide an effective system of classroom management by establishing his or her own set of fair classroom rules with applicable consequences. The teacher must ensure that the students know the rules and understand the consequences for breaking these rules. This set of rules will help establish the authority of the teacher in the classroom.

Monitoring school wide behavior of students is the responsibility of the school administrator with help from his or her staff. The principal of each school has the authority to establish a clear set of school wide rules which deal with student conduct, and are consistent with Nevada Revised Statutes and Federal Law. All students must be aware of both required conduct and prohibited conduct as described under the principal's rules of student conduct. These rules are applicable during school hours, on any school property during or after school hours, at any school function, and on any school-sponsored transportation.

Every student has the right to pursue his or her educational development, and every teacher has the right to offer instructions without undue interruption. When a student chooses to interfere

with the rights of others or to violate the rules and expectations for behavior of M.C.S.D., he or she can expect to be disciplined for his or her misconduct.

Normally, discipline will be administered progressively, with severity increasing if unacceptable behaviors continue. Behaviors considered severe by the administration may result in severe disciplinary action or even recommendation for expulsion with the first occurrence. The administration is responsible for selecting an appropriate disciplinary action. Said action will be administered fairly, with respect to each individual, without bias, and in a positive manner. Careful attention will be given to each situation to ensure each student's right of due process, and every action must be in compliance with State and Federal law including the Individuals with Disabilities Act. Parents/Guardians will be informed of every formal disciplinary action.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

Ferguson v. Phoenix Talent School District #4, 172 Or App 389 (2001).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110, Title IX, Section 9532.