

**Policy 5.8-E: CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

**PURPOSE:**

**SCHOOLS ARE NOT JUST THE SITE OF ACADEMIC LEARNING; SCHOOLS PROVIDE MANY SERVICES TO STUDENTS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, SUCH AS NUTRITION, SOCIALIZATION, COUNSELING, AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL OPENINGS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AS DEFINED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTIVE OF FLORIDIANS, YOUNG AND ADULT, WITH UNDERLYING CONDITIONS THAT MAKE THEM MEDICALLY VULNERABLE.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

During the ninety (90) calendar day period subsequent to its approval of this emergency rule, The School Board authorizes the Superintendent to operate instruction through distance learning, when necessary, based on current environmental conditions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It is the intent of this policy to establish and maintain safe health conditions and practices in all school environments, District-wide. Factors such as age, grade level, socio-economic status, social-emotional, developmental and intellectual levels, ability and/or disability, and overall student rights and responsibilities will be considered. However, students shall be issued disciplinary consequences for actions determined to be intentional, insubordinate, defiant and not accidental or incidental, or when redirection and interventions have been disregarded.

Students with disabilities who are eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), have additional rights under IDEA or Section 504 and State Board Rule.

**DRESS CODE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Students have a responsibility to dress neatly and appropriately, to be clean and well groomed, whether on campus, participating in a school-sponsored activity, or in the e-learning environment.

A student's appearance on screen during e-learning instruction must conform to the dress code.

All students are expected to honor their responsibilities and dress in a way that respects the rights of others.

Consequences for failure to adhere to the District's Face Covering policy should only be considered for intentional actions on the part of a student, and not those which are accidental, incidental, or related to a student's disability. This is applicable to students while on school campus, on school transportation or at a school-sponsored event.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** Florida Department of Education Executive Order No. 2020-EO-06.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Sections 1003.02; 1011.60(2); 1011.61(1)(a) and 1003.23(1), F.S.

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