

STUDENTS

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Each year, the superintendent will develop school building based handbooks pertaining to student rights, conduct and discipline, and make the handbooks available to all students, their parents and staff. The superintendent will develop such handbooks with the participation of parents and the community.

The school principal and certificated building staff will confer at least annually to develop and/or review student conduct standards and the uniform enforcement of those standards as related to the established student handbooks. They will seek to develop precise definitions for common problem behaviors and build consensus on what constitutes manifestation of those problem behaviors. The definitions will also address differences between major and minor manifestations of problem behaviors to identify those problem behaviors that teachers and other classroom staff can generally address and those problem behaviors that are so severe that an administrator needs to be involved. This work is intended to help district staff identify and address differences in the perception of subjective misbehaviors and reduce the effect of implicit bias.

They will also confer annually to establish criteria for determining when certificated employees must complete classes to improve classroom management skills.

All students who attend schools in the Port Townsend School District are expected to comply with the rules outlined in their student handbooks, follow the required course of studies, and acknowledge the disciplinary authority of school staff that is supported by state law and school board policy.

Cross Reference	Policy 3241	Student Discipline
Legal References:	RCW 28A.600.010	Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and regulations for -Due process guarantees -Enforcement
	RCW 28A.600.020	Government of schools, pupils, employees optimum learning atmosphere
	RCW 28A.600.040	Pupils to comply with rules and regulations
	RCW 28A.400.110	Principal to assure appropriate discipline
	RCW 28A.150.240	Basic Education Act of 1977 -Certificated teaching and administrative staff as accountable for classroom teaching -Scope -Responsibilities -Penalty
	RCW 28A. 405.060	Course of study and regulations -Enforcement Withholding salary warrant for failure
	WAC 392-400-215	Student rights
	WAC 392-400-225	School district rules defining misconduct -Distribution of rules
	WAC 392-168	Citizen Complaint Procedure for Certain Categorical Federal Programs

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