

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The primary function of the schools is the education of students. The schools have an obligation to protect the students' right to an education, without interference, to maintain a safe environment in the district schools, and safeguard all school property. Schools have the right to establish expectations of student behavior to meet that obligation on school grounds, school trips, buses and any school function. Students are presumed to have the ability to control their conduct and to be responsible for misconduct. Any student who does not meet such expectations will be subject to discipline.

The Merton Community School District delegates the responsibility for student discipline to the professional discretion of the District Administrator and his/her staff.

The type of discipline administered will follow the concept as to what is reasonable under the circumstances with the goal being to change student behavior. This means that consideration will be given as to the age of the student, the nature of the offense, and the number of times a student may have been caught in the same or similar offenses.

The measures of discipline used with the students shall be at the discretion of the administration. A positive approach in the disciplinary measures shall be used to change student behavior, taking into account the dignity of the student, the seriousness of the infraction, and the need for positive motivation of students, shall be used.

Specific rules and regulations concerning student behavior shall be established by the administration. These rules and regulations, along with state laws relating to student conduct and behavior, shall be approved by the Board and distributed to parents, staff and students. Law enforcement officials will be called to the school when laws may have been violated and in situations which threaten the safety of students and/or employees.

The Merton Community School District shall not discriminate in standards and rules of behavior including student suspension, on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures (see policy 6010: A.B.C.)

Wisconsin Statutes: 118.13
 120.13 (1)(a)(b)

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