

## **STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND STRIKES**

Students may express opinions and ideas, take stands and support policies publicly, privately, orally and in writing. Students may be given this opportunity for expression through established school media. Such expression however, should not interfere with the educational program or present a safety or health hazard.

The students may not use obscenity, slanderous or libelous statements, disruptive tactics, or advocate violation of the law or school regulations. They may however, advocate by due process. No student(s) has an unfettered right to commandeer school property or an audience and thus intrude upon the rights of others. Reasonable regulation of time, place and manner of speech for maintenance of order and educational program remains under the authority of school district administration.

To insure the orderly process of education and business affairs connected with the schools and the safety of persons and property, the Board directs that the procedures below be followed in case of any type of disruptive demonstration on school property or within school buildings.

The Principal shall have the authority at his/her discretion to alert the police authorities.

Students participating in a disruptive demonstration shall be directed by the Principal to go to their regular classroom assignments. The Administrator will also arrange for a meeting between the administration and the individuals, leaders of a group, or the group, if feasible, to discuss in a rational, orderly manner the problem which caused the disorder.

Non-student demonstrators and other unauthorized persons will be directed by the Principal to remove themselves from the school property.

In the event that the steps listed above should fail to stop the demonstration, the Principal shall ask the police to remove the demonstrators and any individuals failing to comply with requests to do so on their own.

When necessary for their safety, students and staff may be directed by the Administrator to leave the building and school property.

Students and/or employees participating in a disruptive demonstration on school property will be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action as determined by the Administrator and the Board.

The Merton Community School District shall not discriminate in standards and rules of behavior including student harassment, 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).

Ref: Wis. Stats. 120.13  
First Amendment U.S. Constitution  
Policy 6010

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