

## Student Discipline

The NW BOCES Board believes that effective pupil discipline is a prerequisite for sound educational practice and productive learning. The objectives of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline and socially acceptable behavior.

The Administrative Director shall develop, and the Board will approve, procedures for handling general and major discipline problems for all students of NW BOCES which are designated to achieve these board objectives and maintain the necessary degree of order in the school and residences.

Parents/guardian shall be informed of discipline procedures. These procedures shall not include any discipline that is in violation of child abuse and neglect statute, or Department of Family Services Standards. This includes excessive or unreasonable physical discipline.

a. Children shall be disciplined with kindness and understanding.

b. Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest or toilet training.

c. Measures that unduly frighten or demean a child shall not be allowed.

d. Physical discipline is prohibited.

e. When necessary, only non-violent crisis intervention methods will be used to protect the offending student from him/herself, to protect others in the environment, or to protect property.

f. Children shall not be subjected to verbal remarks that belittle or ridicule them or their families.

g. Only adult staff with direct supervisory responsibility shall discipline children.

h. Children in care shall not act as or be employed as staff or be allowed authority over other children.

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