

STUDENT CONDUCT

The Ringwood Board of Education believes that an important responsibility of any school system is to teach acceptable social conduct. We believe that such conduct may be taught by example and by providing appropriate incentives. The board also believes that reasonable standards of conduct are to be established and that adherence to those standards insisted upon.

For the purpose of this policy, a student is defined as any person regularly enrolled in an educational program provided by, or approved by, the board of education and carried on in premises owned or controlled by the school district. Students in school buildings, on school grounds, using district property, or attending a district-sanctioned event shall not engage in any of the following:

1. Any conduct, the purpose of which is to obstruct, disrupt, or interfere with teaching, research, service, administrative or disciplinary functions, or any other activity sponsored or approved by the board of education.
2. Physical, emotional, or mental abuse of, or threat of harm to, any person on school owned or controlled property or at any school attended, sponsored, or supervised event or function. This includes antisemitism, which is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.
3. Damage, or threat of damage, to property of the school, regardless of the location, or to property of a member of the community or a visitor to the school, when such property is located on school owned, controlled, attended, or supervised premises.
4. Forceful or unauthorized entry into or upon, or occupation of, school district facilities including buildings and grounds.
5. Unlawful use, possession, distribution, sale, or trade of drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances, or any substance or material believed to be drugs, alcohol or controlled substances, or any substance which is capable of causing or producing mood alteration or behavioral changes.
6. Conduct or speech that violates commonly accepted standards of society within the community.
7. Failure to comply with the reasonable and lawful directions of school district officials or law enforcement officers, acting in the performance of their duties, or failure to identify themselves to such officials or officers when directed to do so.
8. Any conduct constituting a breach of any federal, state, or city law or ordinance or duly adopted policy of the board of education.

Any student knowingly violating any of these policies and regulations will be subject to warning, reprimand, probation, suspension, or expulsion in addition to any civil or criminal proceedings or prosecution.