It is the policy of the Seattle School Board to adopt written rules regarding pupil conduct, discipline, and rights. To accomplish this objective, the Seattle School Board will annually approve a Student Rights and Responsibilities document pertaining to student rights, conduct, and corrective actions, updated by the superintendent. This will be made available to all students, their parents, and school staff. Reasonable student and parent access to this SR&R document will be provided in print and also be provided on the District website. A condensed “Basic Rules of Seattle Public Schools” flyer will be provided to all students and their parents at the beginning of each school year and when students newly enroll in Seattle Public Schools.

It is the further policy of the Seattle School Board that student discipline rules and procedures will follow the substantive and procedural due process guarantees established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, WAC 392-400. Further these discipline rules will be in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), its implementing regulations, and other federal laws.

It is the further policy of the Seattle School Board that district schools are authorized to adopt written school rules that are not inconsistent with federal or state laws, or policies of Seattle Public Schools. The school principal and staff shall confer at least annually to develop and/or review student conduct standards and the uniform enforcement of those standards for the school. They shall ensure that school rules are published in student handbooks or provide parents and students reasonable electronic access to and knowledge of school rules.

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Cross Reference: Policy No. 3240
Related Superintendent Procedure:
Previous Policies: D72.00
Legal References: RCW 28A.600.010 Enforcement of Rules of Conduct; 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.600.410 Alternatives to Suspension Encouraged; RCW 28A.600.460 Classroom Discipline; WAC 392-400-020 Responsibilities
Related to Discipline of Students; WAC 392-400-210 Student Responsibilities and Duties; 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; RCW 28A.405.060 Course of study and regulations – Enforcement; 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)