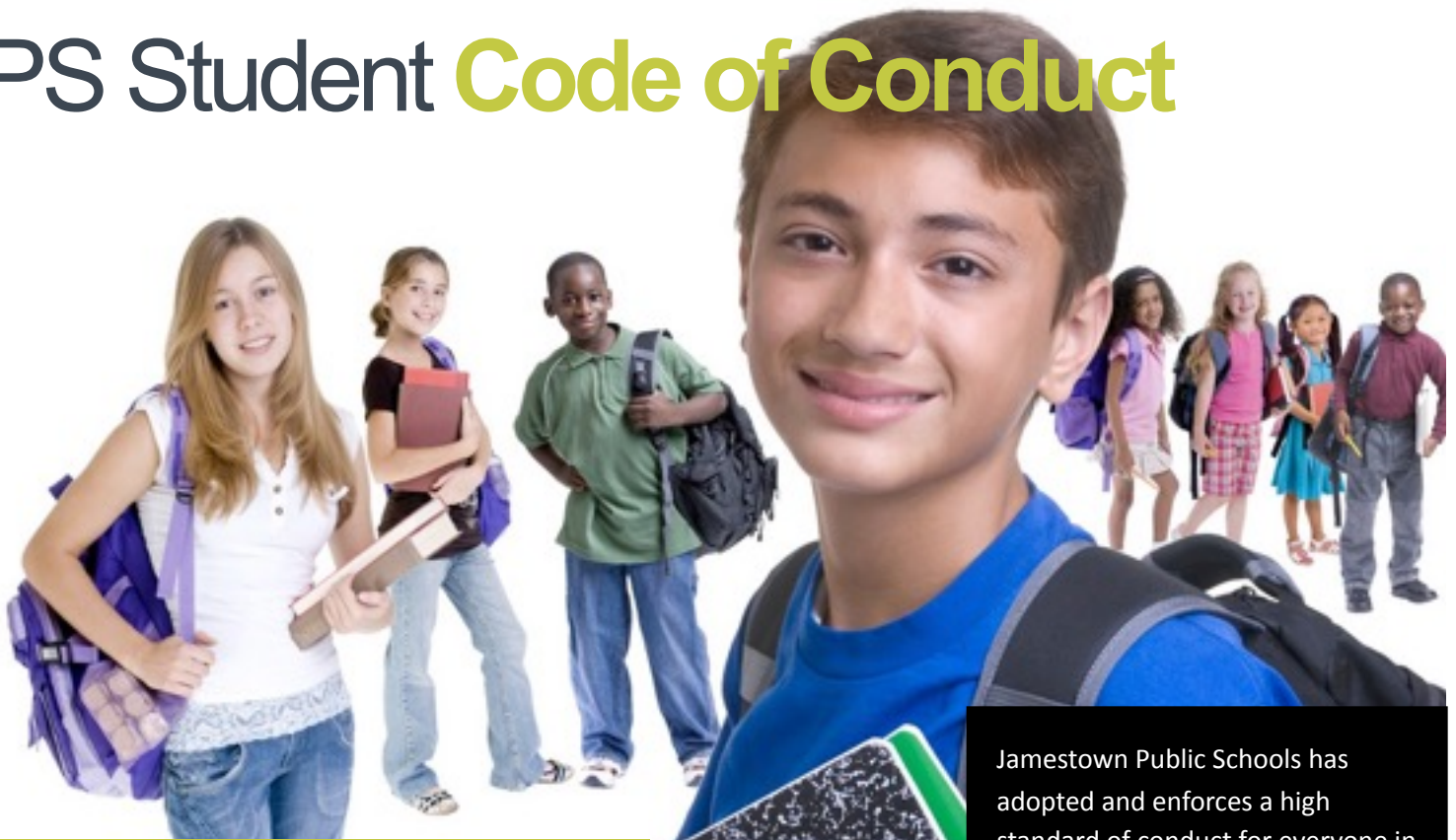


JPS Student Code of Conduct



Q. WHY HAVE A CODE OF CONDUCT?

A. The District has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity.

STUDENT RIGHTS

The JPS Code of Conduct states that all students have the right to:

- have a safe, orderly and courteous school environment.
- take part in all district activities on an equal basis.
- access school rules and when necessary, receive an explanation of those rules from school personnel.
- present their side of the story to school personnel when involved in disciplinary matters.

Q. WHAT ROLE DO STUDENTS PLAY IN ENFORCING THE CODE OF CONDUCT?

A. Students play an important role in maintaining safety and order in school and in enforcing the Code of Conduct. The school is your place of learning and your help is needed to keep it a safe and productive place. Students are expected to promptly report violations of the Code of Conduct to a teacher, administrator or other school staff. This includes students with weapons, drugs or plans to cause harm on and off school property.

Jamestown Public Schools has adopted and enforces a high standard of conduct for everyone in the district. The Code of Conduct describes the responsible behavior expected of students, teachers, administrators, other school staff, parents and visitors to schools.

This flyer provides answers to some commonly asked questions about the Code of Conduct, which is reviewed annually. A copy of the entire Code of Conduct is available in your school office and on the district's website:

www.jamestownpublicschools.org

By following these expectations, we ensure that all students can receive the quality education they are entitled to without disruption.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT?

- Oral or Written Warning
- Conference with Student
- Communication with Parent or Guardian
- Loss of Privileges
- Restitution/Community Service
- Time in Office
- Elementary & Middle School Students May Be Placed in Planning Center
- Detention
- In-School Suspension
- Bus Suspension (where applicable)
- Short term Out of School Suspension
- Long term Out of School Suspension

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WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS?

- Attend school daily and be on time for all classes.
- Express your ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.
- Dress appropriately for school and school activities.
- Know the rules of good behavior and follow the rules at all times.
- Use appropriate language, avoid gossip and tell the truth.
- Do your own work and refrain from cheating or copying the work of others.
- Treat everyone with courtesy, respect and tolerance of individual differences.
- Encourage others to report any form of intimidation, bullying, harassment, or discrimination.

Q. WHAT TYPES OF BEHAVIOR ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT?

- A. The Code of Conduct prohibits student behavior that is:
- violent - including assault, possession of weapons, bullying, threatening actions or words in person, written or via computer.
 - disorderly - actions that disrupt the normal operation of the school or endanger the health, welfare or morals of others.
 - disruptive - actions that interfere with the education of other students or the ability of the teacher to teach.
 - insubordinate - failure to comply with the school or district rules.
 - dishonest - including cheating and plagiarism

Q. WHEN CAN A TEACHER REMOVE A STUDENT FROM A CLASSROOM?

A. When other reasonable methods fail to restore order, the Code of Conduct and State Law allows teachers to remove persistently disruptive students from the classroom.

Q. CAN A STUDENT'S LOCKER BE SEARCHED BY A SCHOOL OFFICIAL?

A. Students' lockers, desks, computers and software may be searched by school officials at any time. The district also has the right to monitor e-mails, websites and internet access of students while at school. The district has the right to search anyone on school property and any items they might be carrying according to state and federal laws. Anyone entering district property is deemed to have consented to such searches.

Q. WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS?

A. All students are expected to attend to personal cleanliness and dress age-appropriately for school. The dress code applies at any time that students are on district property and whenever they are attending any school function, wherever located. Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline.

SPECIFICALLY:

A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hairstyle/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails shall be safe and appropriate and shall not be disruptive to the learning environment. Items that are prohibited include but are not limited to the following:

Hats, stocking caps, skull caps, "doo rags," and bandanas (other than hats or scarves mandated by verifiable religious requirements or verifiable medical reasons).

Unbuttoned dress shirts or sport shirts; and extremely brief garments such as men's "muscle shirts," women's tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front and/or back) and see-through items. Clothing exposing male and female anatomy such as navels or glutei area, bare chests, bare feet, or cleavage.

Items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, disability, or sexual orientation.

Items that promote or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or encourage illegal or violent activities.

