

General Policy Statement

The Board of Education of the Brandon Valley School District believes that a self-disciplined citizenry is essential for the maintenance of a free society.

The rights of individual students shall be protected and each student shall be expected to respect the person and rights of all other students, teachers, and all other school personnel.

The Board of Education shall expect all employees to be concerned with student behavior, and when and where unacceptable behavior occurs to take that action which is most appropriate.

Under no circumstances will vandalism, violence, destructive acts, intimidation, extortion, harassment, malicious disturbances, or other violations of the law be tolerated, condoned or excused, and immediate steps will be taken to discipline any student involved in such behavior.

The Board of Education of the Brandon Valley School District, acting through the Superintendent of Schools, holds all school employees responsible for the supervision of the behavior of students while legally under the supervision of the school.

The Superintendent shall exercise leadership in establishing all necessary procedures, rules, and regulations to make effective the Board of Education policies relating to the standards of student behavior.

The school principal shall be responsible to the Superintendent of Schools, for the total operation of his or her school. The principal shall have the responsibility and the authority to formulate school rules and regulations not in conflict with district policies relating to standards of student behavior to govern areas and situations not included in the Student Handbook. The principal shall, in developing these rules and regulations, involve representatives of the teaching staff, classified personnel, students and parents or guardians of the students.

All teachers shall be responsible for the supervision of the behavior of all of the students in the school. This includes not only those students who are regularly assigned to the teacher, but all other students with whom the teacher comes in contact.

The teachers shall be expected to maintain the kind of atmosphere and decorum which will promote the learning processes, utilizing all sound techniques which seem appropriate. When the teacher is unable to assist the student to maintain proper controls in behavior, the student shall be referred to the appropriate school administrator.

All classified and certificated employees of the Brandon Valley School District, regardless of their assignment, are expected to participate directly in the supervision and guidance of the behavior of all students.

Bus drivers of Brandon Valley District have full authority to discipline students on the bus. Continued discipline problems, serious rule infractions or infractions not allowed in school will be reported by the driver to the transportation supervisor for additional school disciplinary actions.

Parents or guardians are expected to exercise the required controls so that their children's behavior at school will be conducive to their own progress and not disruptive to the school's educational program.

Each student shall be expected to obey all school rules and regulations as well as the laws of the community, state and nation. The principals shall be expected to inform the parents or guardians of any student whose behavior is in serious conflict with established rules, laws and procedures. "This handbook applies to all students whenever and wherever the student is under the jurisdiction of the school, including all activities and school functions." The mere fact that the student has reached eighteen (18) years of age does not relieve the student or the parents of school policies.

Everyone concerned with student behavior shall be expected to deal with students in a firm, fair, and consistent fashion. It shall be the responsibility of the principal to assist all concerned with this task beginning of each school year and for each new student upon registration, the comprehensive Student Handbook currently in effect.

Any individual who has a concern over the guidelines established by the Brandon Valley School District or who desires to review any of the administrative actions taken by school officials within the framework of these guidelines is encouraged to contact the appropriate school level administrator or the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.