

ULSTER COUNTY BOCES

Public Conduct on School Property

POLICY # 1520

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services recognizes its obligations to provide, in all of the facilities and programs under its jurisdiction, favorable conditions for teaching and learning.

BOCES realizes its responsibility to protect the rights of students to learn, teachers to teach, and of all persons associated with BOCES services, programs, and activities to participate in educational endeavors free from undue interference. BOCES believes that these activities will flourish only in an atmosphere in which the behavior of individuals is characterized by respect, civility, and self-restraint. In this spirit, the following Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance and Enforcement of Public Order on School Property are hereby adopted:

1. Application of Rules

The rules hereby adopted shall govern the conduct of students, teachers, and other staff members, as well as visitors, licensees, invitees, and all other persons whenever they are present upon any lands, buildings, or other property under the operation or control of BOCES either through ownership, rental, license, or otherwise.

2. Rules of Conduct

No person to whom these rules apply, either singly or in concert with others, shall:

- a. all visitors must report to the receptionist for the facility being visited registration and instruction.
- b. willfully obstruct or otherwise interfere with the rights of others to participate in any BOCES service, program or activity.
- c. willfully disrupt or prevent the orderly conduct of any BOCES service program or activity
- d. physically restrain, detain, or in any way obstruct the free movement of persons and vehicles engaged in authorized BOCES services, programs, and activities or lawfully present on or in any premises to which these rules pertain;
- e. willfully cause physical injury to any person, or threaten to cause such injury;
- f. willfully damage or destroy any property belonging to any persons organizations;
- g. enter upon, use or remain on or in any premises to which these rules apply, for any purpose other than one authorized;

- h. refuse to leave any premises to which these rules apply after being told do so by an authorized officer or employee of BOCES;
- i. without permission or authorization, move, remove, damage, or destroy any property of BOCES, including but not restricted to, files or records;
- j. have in his/her possession upon any premises to which these rules apply any firearm or other weapon, (whether or not a license to possess it has been issued to such person) except if he/she is a police or peace officer.
- k. disobey posted traffic and parking signs and other vehicular control devices;
- l. fail to conform to fire drill, bomb threat, or other emergency procedures;
- m. possess, consume or exchange alcoholic beverages, unauthorized drugs and/or narcotics on BOCES property; and or
- n. willfully incite others to commit any of the acts herein prohibited.

3. Penalties

a. Students:

Any student engaging in conduct prohibited under these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action such as: reprimand, curtailment of privileges, suspension, ejection, or arrest.

b. Employees:

Any employee engaging in conduct prohibited under these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action such as: reprimand, suspension, dismissal, ejection, or arrest.

c. Visitors:

Any visitors, invitees, and all other persons engaging in conduct prohibited under these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to ejection or arrest.

4. Enforcement

The District Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for determining whether a violation of these Rules and Regulations has occurred and for enforcement of these Rules and Regulations. When enforcement is deemed necessary, care must be taken to see that it is accomplished in a legal and civil manner. This responsibility may be assigned to other BOCES Administrators, who are thereby authorized to make the determination and to take action in accordance with the Rules.

The BOCES Administrators are: Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Director of Career & Technical Education and Adult Services, Director of Special and Alternative Education, Director of the Mid-Hudson Regional Information Center, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services.

Cross Reference: 5310, Student Discipline

Reference: Education Law 2801

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