

CODE OF CLASSROOM CONDUCT

BARABOO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

443-Rule (1)

The District is committed to maintaining a favorable academic atmosphere. Teachers are responsible for creating a positive learning climate for students in their classrooms. Students shall abide by all rules of behavior established by the Board, administration and teachers.

Student behavior that is dangerous, disruptive or interferes with classroom instruction will not be tolerated. Any student who engages in such behavior may be subject to removal from class as outlined below. In addition, the student may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established Board policies, school rules, state and federal laws, and municipal ordinances.

This code of classroom conduct applies to all students.

Student Removal from Class

A teacher may temporarily dismiss a student from class for the following behaviors, which includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Dangerous or disruptive behavior that interferes with classroom instruction;
2. Possession or use of a weapon or other item that might cause bodily harm to persons in the classroom, or threatening to use violence or weapons;
3. Under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances or controlled substance analogs, or otherwise in violation of district student alcohol and other drug policies;
4. Harassment, hostile or offensive behaviors;
5. Fighting or inciting and/or encouraging a fight or disruption;
6. Disruption and intimidation caused by gang or group symbols or gestures, gang or group posturing to provoke altercations or confrontations;
7. Pushing or striking a student or staff member;
8. Physical appearance or attire that presents a danger to health or safety, or interferes with classroom instruction.
9. Threats of violence, or use of intimidation, fear or force including but not limited to verbal/physical threats.

A student may be subject to removal from classroom/ disciplinary action for other behaviors including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Stealing District property or property of others
2. Willful damage to school property/and property of others

3. Defiance of authority (willful refusal to follow directions or orders given by the teacher)
4. Repeatedly reporting to class without bringing necessary materials to participate in class activities
5. Possession of personal property prohibited by school rules and otherwise disruptive to the teaching and learning of others
6. Repeated use of profanity

A student with a disability may be removed from class for misbehaviors and placed in an alternative educational setting to the extent authorized by state and federal laws and regulations.

When a student is removed from class, the teacher shall send the student to the building principal or designee and inform him/her of the reason(s) for the student's removal from class. A written explanation of the reason(s) shall be given to the principal or designee within 24 hours of the student's removal from class. The principal or designee shall discuss with the student the reason(s) for the removal from class. The principal or designee shall then determine the appropriate educational placement for the student who has been removed from a class by a teacher. The parent/guardian of a minor student shall be notified of the student's removal from class as outlined below.

Placement Procedures

The building principal or designee shall place a student who has been removed from a class by a teacher in one of the following alternative educational settings:

1. An alternative educational program approved by the Board in compliance with state guidelines;
2. Another class in the school or another appropriate place in the school;
3. Another instructional setting; or
4. The class from which the student was removed if, after weighing the interests of the removed student, the other students in the class and the teacher, the principal or designee determines that readmission to the class is the best placement.

When making placement decisions, the building principal or designee shall consider factors including, but not limited to: the reason(s) the student was removed from class (severity of the offense), the type of placement options available for students and any limitations on such placements (i.e., costs, availability, location, space, staff resources) the estimated length of time of placement, the student's individual needs and interests, the repetitiveness of the offense and the relationship of the placement to any disciplinary action. The principal or designee may consult with other appropriate school personnel as the principal or designee deems necessary when making or evaluating placement decisions. A student's parent/ guardian may also be consulted regarding student placement decisions when determined by the principal or designee to be in the best interests of the persons involved or required by law.

All placement decisions shall be made consistent with established Board policies and in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, and be nondiscriminatory. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

The parent/guardian of a minor student shall be notified of a student's placement in an alternative educational setting as outlined below.

Parent/Guardian Notification Procedures

The initial parent/guardian notification may be by phone, but in all cases a written notification shall be made. The building principal or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of a minor student when a teacher has removed a student from a class. This notification shall include the reasons for the student's removal from class and the placement decision involving the student. The notice shall be given as soon as practicable after the student's removal from a class and of placement determination. The student and parent/guardian shall be provided an opportunity to discuss with the principal or designee and teacher the removal and placement decision.

If the removal from class and change in educational placement involves a student with a disability, parent/guardian notification shall be made consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

If the student removed from a class is also subject to disciplinary action for the particular classroom conduct (i.e., suspension or expulsion), the student's parent/guardian shall also be notified of the disciplinary action in accordance with legal and policy requirements.