
STUDENTS - STUDENT BEHAVIOR, RIGHTS, AND DISCIPLINE

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Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) balances the rights of student expression with the rights of all members of WWS, with the interests of an orderly and efficient educational process, and with the needs of a school environment suitable for the healthy growth and development of all students.

Recognizing that the behavior of some students may be so disruptive that it interferes with school purposes or educational functions of WWS, school officials may find it necessary to remove a student from the school. The Board supports the concept of progressive discipline which is a method of enforcing school/classroom rules through a system of increasing consequences.

Rules provide rights and define responsibilities. Students are expected to demonstrate proper behavior as defined in the Student Handbook, and are subject to disciplinary action when the rules are not followed, but also have the full protection of due process including appeal of any decision where applicable. All Student Handbooks are approved by the Board of School Trustees. Please review the Student Handbook for more information regarding student behavior.

Documentation of the steps taken during progressive discipline will be kept in a manner consistent with individual building level procedures. In addition to the actions specifically provided in each student handbook, the Superintendent, principals, any administrative personnel, or any teacher of WWS shall be authorized to take any action in connection with student behavior which is reasonably desirable or necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference therewith, consistent with state and federal law.

Students with disabilities are afforded additional protections when they are removed from their current educational placement due to violating a code of student conduct. WWS abides by all legal obligations espoused in Indiana's special education code ("Article 7") and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Notwithstanding to the foregoing policy, all rules governing athletics and extra-curricular activities shall remain in effect.