

**MEDICINE HAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76**

**SCHOOL DISCIPLINE**

**BACKGROUND**

In order to provide a safe, caring and positive learning environment in which students are able to pursue their goals, standards of behavior are required in district schools.

**POLICY**

The board expects each school to develop and communicate standards for behavior and to exercise judicious use of consequences for inappropriate behavior.

**GUIDELINES**

1. Discipline measures will be fair, will foster mutual respect, teach social responsibility and encourage the development of self-discipline on the part of the student.
2. The encouragement of appropriate behavior in schools and the implementation of discipline measures is a shared responsibility amongst students, their parents, the community and District staff.
3. Appropriate standards of student conduct will be established through the use of effective classroom management strategies.
4. Preventive discipline measures are the most effective. Early action to resolve discipline concerns is expected.
5. Implementing and maintaining the student code of conduct within the classroom is the responsibility of the teacher and on the bus it is the responsibility of the bus driver.
6. Parents play a vital role in developing student behavior and conduct. Parents are encouraged to
  - a. review the school's code of conduct with their child(ren);
  - b. set expectations that encourage their children to meet the school's expectations;
  - c. work with the school to resolve student behavioral issues when they affect their child(ren);
  - d. co-operate with the school's recommended course of action prior to re-admission of the student following a student suspension; and
  - e. conduct themselves in their communication with staff with dignity and respect.

7. Corporal punishment shall not be used as a discipline measure in the district. Corporal punishment is defined as physical chastisement of a student through the use of any object as a disciplinary measure.

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