

POLICY RELATED TO PUPIL SERVICES

DISCIPLINARY CODE

The Burrillville School Department shall promote student behavior patterns that enable them to be responsible, contributing members of society. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in keeping with their level of maturity and act with due regard for their fellow students and supervisory authority.

Students shall have a right to respectful and reasonable treatment from the school and its employees and, in turn, the school and its employees shall have a right to expect respectful and reasonable behavior from students.

Each school shall establish a Disciplinary Code that shall provide guidelines for the disposition of student infractions, which shall be determined by the standard of “reasonable cause.”¹

Corrective actions for misbehaviors outlined in Student Handbooks shall be commensurate with the severity of the misbehavior. Consideration shall be given to:

- the age of the student
- mitigating circumstances
- the previous behavior of the student
- the attitude of the student.

First Reading: 4/11/00
Final Reading: 5/9/00

¹ “Reasonable cause” is defined as sufficient facts presented which reasonably cause one to believe that an infraction has occurred. It is not necessary that a teacher or an administrator actually witness the transgression.