

## **Selection and Implementation of Discipline and Classroom Management Techniques**

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### **Purpose:**

The Selection and Implementation of Discipline and Classroom Management Techniques Policy of Sebastian Elementary School ensure that standards are established for acceptable student behavior and that Sebastian Elementary School is a safe and secure environment.

### **Procedures:**

Within one week of the first instructional day of school (or within one week of enrollment), students and parents/guardians will receive the Breathitt County School District's Code of Conduct booklet. Each student is required within one week of receiving the booklet to return the Acknowledgement Form from the district code of conduct booklet signed by themselves and his/her parent/guardian. The administrative team (i.e., principal and guidance counselors) shall follow-up with students and families whose forms are incomplete or not returned.

The school shall develop a school safety plan as required by district policy and state regulations. The school safety plan shall be reviewed annually by the school council.

### **Additional Standards:**

Appropriate dress standards: Students attending Sebastian Elementary School shall comply with standards in dress in order to maintain a distraction-free environment.

These standards include:

Any staff members may address a student's attire to the principal. The principal shall observe the student in question to determine if the attire is appropriate or inappropriate. If appropriate, the principal shall report back to the staff member making the inquiry with their determination. If inappropriate, the principal shall remove the student from class and discuss the issue with them.

The student shall then be referred to the guidance counselors for assistance to resolve the issue. Staff in the Youth Services Center may be asked to assist. If unable to resolve the issue with the student, the guidance counselor shall call the parent/guardian.

Bullying and Harassing: Students at Sebastian Elementary School must respect the rights of others and to interact with them in a civil manner. Therefore students are required to speak and behave in a civil manner toward students, staff and visitors within the building.

Bullying is a repeated pattern of aggressive behavior that involves an imbalance of power that purposefully inflicts harm on the bullying victim. Bullying assumes a variety of forms, including:

- Direct physical or verbal actions that cause physical or emotional distress

- Indirect acts of social aggression designed to ruin a victim's personal reputation or social standing

Cyberbullying, the willful and repeated harm inflicted by using computers, cell phones, or other electronic devices.

Therefore, the following actions will not be tolerated at school, on school buses, or during a school-sponsored event (including athletic events) and must be reported to the principal:

- Strikes, shoves, kicks, or other physical contact; attempts or threatens to strike, shove, kick, or other physical contact.
- Offensively coarse utterance and/or gesture.
- Following or stalking a person in or about the school.
- Engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits acts which alarm or seriously annoy such other person and which serve no legitimate purpose; or
- Damages or commits a theft of the property of another student.
- Substantially disrupts the operation of the school.
- Creates a hostile environment by means of any gestures, written communications, oral statements, or physical acts that a reasonable person