

Falmouth Public Schools Code of Conduct

Ethical and responsible behavior is an essential part of the educational mission of the Falmouth Schools. To that end, this System-Wide Code of Conduct has been developed with input from school staff, students, parents and community members. The Code defines our collective expectations for students, staff, parents and community members behavior and provides the framework for a safe, orderly and respectful learning environment.

Article 1 – Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior

The Code of Conduct is intended to support and encourage all school community members to meet the following community wide standards for ethical and responsible behavior:

- *Respect*
- *Honesty*
- *Tolerance*
- *Fairness*
- *Responsibility*
- *Courage*

Article 2 – Code of Conduct

All school community members are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct and all related district policies and school rules. The Code applies:

- *On school property.*
- *While in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or at any time or place that such conduct directly interferes with the operations, discipline or general welfare of the school.*

Article 3 – General Behavior Expectations of students of Falmouth Public Schools and Discipline Policies

The following expectations for student behavior are fundamental to a safe, orderly and respectful environment in our schools and at school sponsored/related events. Each student is expected to:

1. *Be courteous to fellow students, staff and visitors.*
2. *Respect the rights and privileges of other students, school staff, visitors and guests.*
3. *Obey all district policies and school rules governing student conduct.*
4. *Follow directions from school staff.*
5. *Cooperate with staff in maintaining school safety and order.*
6. *Arrive to school ready to learn on all scheduled school days. Recognizing that illness or serious family/personal matters may create absences.*
7. *Meet school standards for grooming and dress.*
8. *Respect the property of others, including school property and facilities.*
9. *Not cheat or plagiarize the work of others.*
10. *Refrain from vulgarity, profanity, obscenity, lewdness and/or indecency.*

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary consequences depend upon the seriousness of the violation and the student's prior disciplinary record. Consequences will range from a verbal warning for minor misconduct up to and including expulsion for the most serious offenses. Behavior that also violates the law will be referred to local law enforcement authorities. (Reference Addendum 1 and 2 Behavior Related Offenses/Consequences)