



Districtwide Discipline Policy

Positive School Culture

- There is a districtwide Code of Conduct for students.
- The Code of Conduct is updated annually and available for review on CPS' website: cps-k12.org/schools/policies-guidelines/discipline/code-of-conduct

Cincinnati Public Schools strives to create a Positive School Culture in all our schools, aimed at creating a safe and orderly environment that keeps students in school and engaged in learning.

Part of this Positive School Culture is a districtwide **Code of Conduct** that provides clear and explicit expectations for student behavior, specifies guidelines for teaching social skills to students, describes methods to help correct behavior and outlines the consequences for misbehavior.

In addition to the Code of Conduct, each school is required to develop its own Positive School Culture Plan through its Positive School Culture Committee. This plan must include a range of options that teach behavior expectations to students. Schools must communicate this plan to parents and students. Parents should know and understand the Positive School Culture Plan at their children's schools.

Searches of Students and Property

Students will be subject to searches by metal detectors and/or by hand on a random basis, or with reasonable suspicion, by district administrators or security personnel.

The district may search: A student's outer clothing, pockets, book bags or other property; a student's locker; a vehicle driven to school by a student and parked on school property.

Students have no expectation of privacy in cell phones or other electronic devices brought to school. If there is reasonable suspicion that a search will reveal a violation of school rules, cell phones and other electronic devices may be confiscated and searched, including searching calls, e-mails, contacts, texts, and other communications or Internet access.

Students will be treated with respect during a search. Any student failing to cooperate during a search will be subject to discipline under the CPS Code of Conduct.

The Cincinnati Public School District is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen personal items.

The Cincinnati Public School District provides equal educational, vocational, and employment opportunities for all people without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, color, age, disability, religion, national origin, creed, sexual

orientation, or affiliation with a union or professional organization, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated groups. The district is in compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

For additional information, contact the Title IX Coordinator or Section 504 Student Coordinator: (513) 363-0000 TDD: (513) 363-0124