## PUBLICATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE CONDUCT OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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The Superintendent shall publish the Westford Public Schools' policies pertaining to the conduct of teachers and students.

The policies pertaining to the conduct of students shall include the following:

- 1. Discipline proceedings, including procedures assuring due process, standards and procedures for suspension and expulsion of students.
- 2. Procedures to assure school building security and safety of students and school personnel.
- Disciplinary measures to be taken in cases involving the possession or use of illegal substances or weapons, the use of force, vandalism, or violation of other students' civil rights.

Codes of discipline, as well as procedures used to develop such codes shall be filed with the Department of Education for informational purposes only. Copies of school handbooks may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's office.

The Principal of each school, in consultation with the School Council, shall prepare and distribute to each student a student handbook setting forth the rules pertaining to the conduct of students. The School Council shall review the student handbook each spring to consider changes in disciplinary policy to take effect in September of the following school year, but may consider policy change recommendations at anytime. All School Councils' recommendations will adhere to system wide goals and policies.

Westford Public Schools Policy References:
Westford Public Schools Policy P5302 – Student Handbooks

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