

**GOVERNANCE****EXPECTED BEHAVIOR IN SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS**

The Ohio County Board of Education believes that it is the responsibility of students to behave in a manner that does not threaten, interfere with, or deprive other students of their rights to an education nor infringe upon a teacher's right and responsibility to teach. Therefore, the Board of Education establishes this policy for Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools that ensures an orderly and safe environment that is conducive to learning and supports the Rules and Regulations set forth by the West Virginia Department of Education in Policy 4373, as well as the provisions of the Federal Gun free Schools Act, and the provisions set forth outlining student's rights and responsibilities for schools in West Virginia. This policy does not supersede any rights granted to special education students by federal or state law or other West Virginia Board of Education policy.

Staff development and parent and student education will be provided to implement this policy. At a minimum, staff, student, and parent education will raise awareness of the different types of Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools violations, how they are manifested, their educational and emotional consequences and their potential legal consequences. To begin implementation, the Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools policy and regulation will be disseminated to students, parents, and staff.

Each school will design and deliver methods for assuring staff, student, and parent understanding of the Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools. Educational programs, PreK-12, may include but are not limited to: classroom discussions, integration into character education lessons, parent/teacher/student meetings and conferences, multi-cultural programs, and staff development sessions.

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