

STAFF-STUDENT RELATIONS

The relationship between staff members and students at the School District must be based on professionalism and mutual respect. Taking a sincere professional interest in an individual student is commendable. The staff member who inspires, guides, and helps can have lasting influence on a student throughout his/her life.

Staff members must exercise good judgment and maintain proper professional boundaries when interacting with students, in their capacities as staff members, both on and off School District property. All staff members are role models to students and must exercise discretion when interacting with students so that their statements and/or actions are not misunderstood by students and professional boundaries are maintained.

Staff members must always be cognizant that informal, personal, and/or social involvement with students may foster, or result in, crossing professional boundaries. It is preferable that another adult, or at least another student, be present when staff members meet with a student. Staff relationships with students that cross professional boundaries are not compatible with professional ethics and are not permitted by the School District.

Cross-ref: 5300, Student Code of Conduct

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