

# Summary: Student Code of Conduct and Dignity for All Student Act

LaGrange Middle School



# School Climate

**The best learning environment is safe and engaging.**

**Safe includes:**

**Physical Safety (building, bus, fields)**

**Emotional Safety (value and respect)**

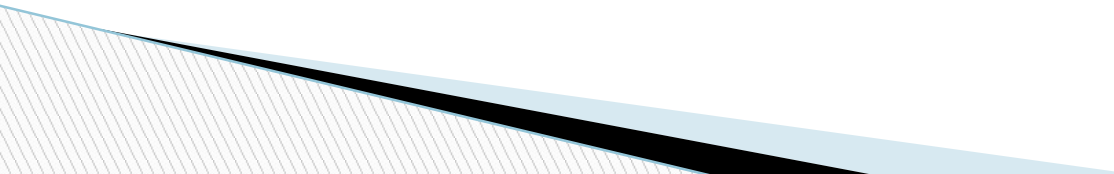
**Engaging includes:**

**The ability to access all opportunities**

# Code of Conduct

School Climate is every student's responsibility to understand and follow.

The Code of Conduct provides a framework in which all students are to conduct themselves while in school and at school sponsored events.



# Code of Conduct

Our district administration reviews and updates our Code of Conduct each year and the Board of Education approves the Code of Conduct.

Key areas of our Code of Conduct include Student Conduct, Consequences, Dress Code, and DASA while on and off school property.

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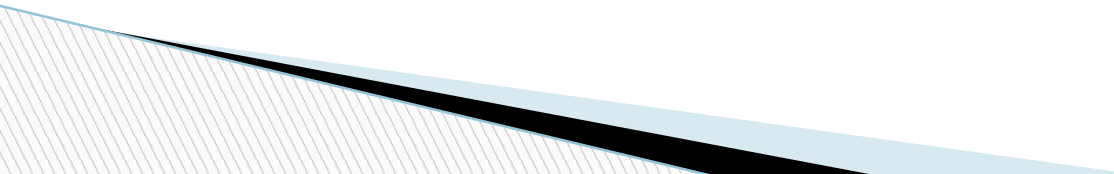
Students may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school, when they engage in behavior

that is:

- Disorderly, insubordinate, violent, that endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others
- Endangers the health and safety of students within the school community, or which may substantially disrupt the educational process or which constitutes a crime
- Any form of academic misconduct

# Code of Conduct

All students are expected to promptly report any violations of the Code of Conduct to the appropriate adult.



# Code of Conduct

The responsibility for student dress and general appearance rests with individual students and parents.



# Dress Code

Examples of standards of dress include but are not limited to the following:

1. Underwear and undergarments will be covered with outer clothing that is not see through.
2. Footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.



# Dress Code

3. Clothing may not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous or that denigrate others on account of race, color, hair texture and protective hairstyles, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, weight, physical appearance or disability.

# Dress Code

4. Clothing may not include messages or depictions of items that are threatening, discriminatory or promote or cause fear, violence, or are otherwise disruptive of the educational environment.

5. Clothing may not promote and/or endorse gang involvement, the use of alcohol, tobacco (smoking/vaping) or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal activities.

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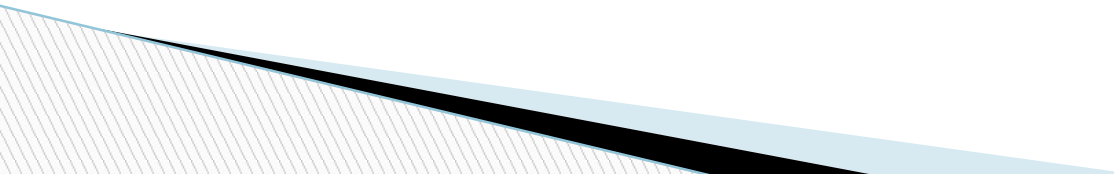
6. Clothing that obstructs the identification of a student, including but not limited to hats and hoods, may not be worn in school except in cases of medical or any otherwise approved reason.

7. Clothing worn for religious and/or cultural reasons will be permitted including but not limited to durags, hijabs, turbans, yarmulkes, etc

# Code of Conduct

The full Code of Conduct is found on our school website under the student tab.

The Code of Conduct summary is found under the Quick Links on our school website.



# DASA

# **Dignity for All Students Act**



**No student shall be subjected to harassment, bullying, or discrimination by other students**



# No student shall be subjected to discrimination based on

**Actual or perceived race**      **Ethnic group**      **Gender Identity**  
**Disability**      **National Origin**      **Weight**      **Sex**      **Skin Color**  
**Religion**           **Sexual Orientation**      **Religious Practice**

# Definition

***Harassment and bullying means the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by threats, intimidation or abuse including cyberbullying.***

***Harassment or bullying occurs when one or more students conduct interferes with another student's educational performance, opportunities, benefits, mental, emotional, or physical well-being or causes fear.***



# Definition

***Discrimination means to intentionally limit access to someone based on a student's perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.***

# Additionally

***Harassment and bullying using information technology, such as e-mail, instant messaging, blogs, chat rooms, pagers, cell phones, gaming systems and social media is generally referred to as Cyber bullying.***

***Any type of harassment, bullying or discrimination on or off school property can justify consequences by school officials.***

# Your DASA Coordinator

- Our DASA Coordinators are Dr. Bolner, Ms. LaDue, Ms. Sablinski and Ms. Ploetz
- DASA reporting forms are available on the Arlington CSD website under students
- **When an incident occurs the DASA Coordinator must interview ALL parties involved regardless of title or position.**
- Understand that being interviewed does not imply guilt, or an act of inappropriate behavior.
- The interview is part of due process for all students and staff.

# Incidents

Any reported incident will be determined  
**Founded or Unfounded**

If an incident is **Founded**, action will be taken to educate student(s) and will involve discipline for Code of Conduct violations. A **SAFETY PLAN** that you and your parents sign may also be created between students involved. Each student is required to follow this plan.

If an incident is **Unfounded**, action may still be taken if the Code of Conduct has been violated.

# JOKING

**“Joking” or “Just kidding” is just not acceptable reasoning in a founded DASA case. If you don’t have something nice to say...don’t say anything.**