

# Gates Chili Central School District Code of Conduct & Character

## Information for Volunteers

### Section 13: Public Conduct/School Property

The District is committed to providing an orderly, respectful environment that is conducive to learning. To create and maintain this kind of environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on school property and at school functions. For purposes of this section of the Code, “public” shall mean all persons when on school property or attending a school function including students, teachers and District personnel.

The restrictions on public conduct on school property and at school property and at school functions contained in this Code are not intended to limit freedom of speech or peaceful assembly. The District recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of the District. The purpose of this Code is to maintain public order and prevent abuse of the rights of others.

All persons on school property or attending a school function shall conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. In addition, all persons on school property will be properly attired.

#### **13.1 Prohibited Conduct**

No person, either alone or with others, shall:

1. Intentionally injure any person or threaten to do so.
2. Intentionally damage or destroy school District property or the personal property of a teacher, administrator, other District employee or any person on school property.
3. Disrupt the orderly conduct of classes, school programs or other school activities.
4. Distribute or wear materials on school grounds or at school functions that are obscene, advocate illegal action, appear libelous, obstruct the rights of others, or are disruptive to the school program.
5. Intimidate, harass or discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity, or sex.
6. Enter any portion of the school premises without authorization or remain in any building or facility after it is normally closed.
7. Stealing the property of others on school property or while attending a school function.
8. Obstruct the free movement of any person in any place to which this Code applies.
9. Violate the traffic laws, parking regulations or other restrictions on vehicles.
10. Possess, consume, sell, distribute or exchange alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or be under the influence of either on school property or at a school function. In addition, the use of tobacco products is prohibited.
11. Possess or use weapons in or on school property or at a school function, except in the case of law enforcement officers or except as specifically authorized by the school District.
12. Loiter on or about school property.
13. Gamble on school property or at school functions.
14. Refuse to comply with any reasonable order of identifiable school District officials performing their duties.
15. Willfully incite others to commit any of the acts prohibited by this Code.
16. Violate any federal or state statute, local ordinance or Board policy while on school property or while at a school function.

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### *Dress Code*

Students and their parents have the responsibility to ensure that District Dress Code Standards are followed. All students are expected to dress appropriately for school and school functions so they are consistent with the Spartan Way values of respect and responsibility.

A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall:

1. Be safe
2. Not disrupt or interfere with the educational process
3. Not be provocative

Examples of prohibited attire may include, but are not limited to:

- muscle shirts
- extremely brief, revealing, or see-through garments
- clothing that allows undergarments, bras, boxer shorts, or bare midriffs to be exposed
- tops with large sleeve openings
- tank tops with less than 2" wide straps
- extremely tight clothing
- skirts or shorts that are of a revealing nature as determined by administration
- items of clothing with sexual, violent, or drug related references or innuendos
- clothing attachments or accessories that could be considered to be weapons (for example, long chains or spiked jewelry)
- head coverings (for example hoods/hats) in school following the start of the regular school day except for medical or religious purposes

### *Electronic Devices*

The District acknowledges the wide spread use of electronic devices, however, it is the responsibility of each student and his/her family to use all devices in accordance with school protocols. Electronic devices include, but are not limited to cell phones, radios, video recording devices, game consoles, iPods, iPads, MP3 players, tablets, or other telecommunications or imaging devices. Taking pictures, videos, or other recordings of others during school, at school events, or on the school bus without permission is prohibited. Students who do not follow school building expectations may be subject to additional disciplinary consequences at the discretion of the building administrator or his/her designee.

*All personal items are the responsibility of the owner. The District is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.*

#### **Elementary Level**

Students are prohibited from carrying electronic devices during the school day. The school is not responsible for securing electronic devices that are brought and stored on campus.

#### **Middle School Level**

Students are prohibited from carrying electronic devices during the school day. These devices are to be secured in their lockers throughout the instructional day, unless specific permission is granted for use for instructional purposes by the classroom teacher.

The Middle School Team has granted permission for students to take pictures and videos at Socials when those pictures and videos are respectful and appropriate.

#### **High School Level**

Electronic devices are expected to remain off unless in an area designated for their use or with faculty/staff permission.