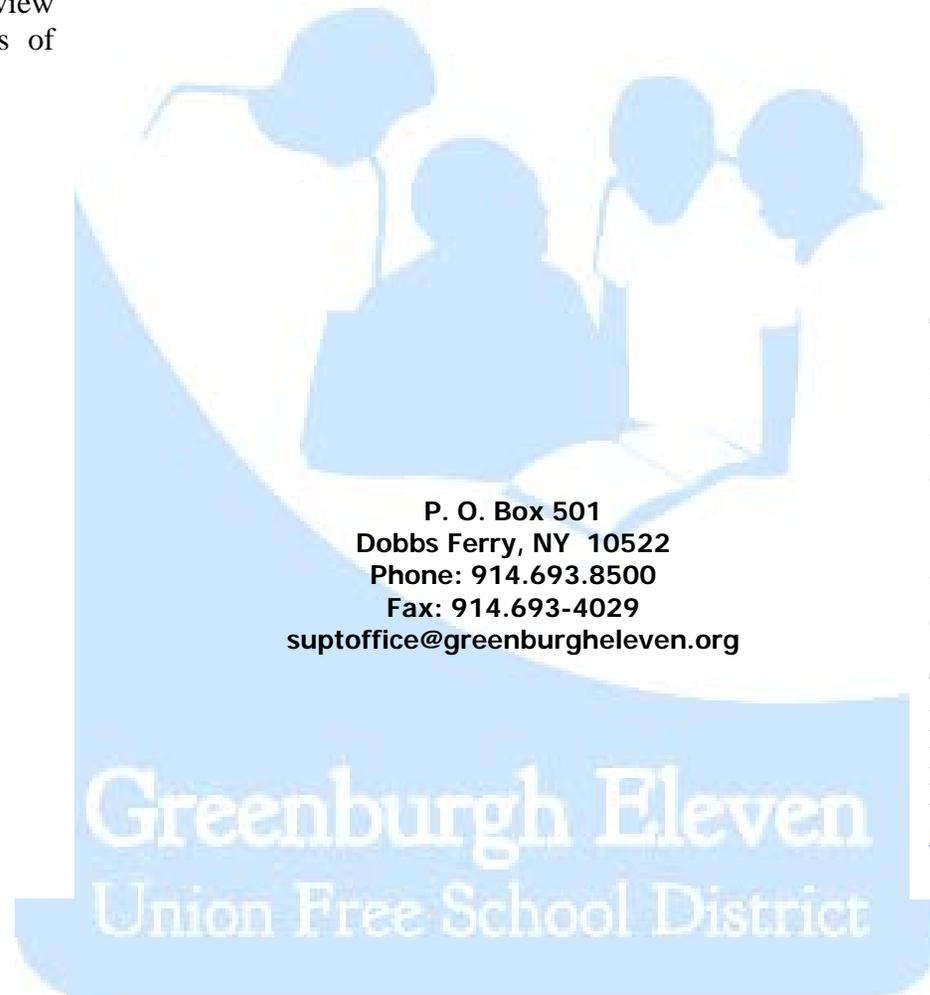


## Public Participation

Members of the school community are invited to participate in the annual review and adoption of the District Codes of Conduct.



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## Student Code of Conduct Summary

### Summary Version

This is a condensed version of the Code of Conduct in plain language. The full version is available on the district website. You can also request copies by contacting us directly.

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## Code of Conduct Summary

The Greenburgh Eleven Board of Education has adopted codes of conduct for students and all those who are present on school district property. These codes of conduct model behavior that is safe, orderly, respectful, trustworthy and civil. Copies of the full text of these codes of conduct are available on our website:

[http://www.greenburgheleven.org/uploads/1/9/4/3/19430847/code\\_of\\_conduct\\_5300.pdf](http://www.greenburgheleven.org/uploads/1/9/4/3/19430847/code_of_conduct_5300.pdf). These codes of conduct provide legal definitions as required by New York State. The student code of conduct explains in detail the behavioral expectations of the school community for its students. It provides a list of student rights and responsibilities and describes the procedures that are available to students who are accused of violating the code of conduct. It also describes the range of permissible school responses to student violation of the code.

### Student Rights

Generally, students are entitled to: pursue their education in an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning – free from bullying, intimidation and any form of harassment or threats; a course of study that responds to their educational needs; respect from all members of the school community; procedural due process provided by Law; freedom of speech and expression that does not disrupt the educational process or infringe upon the rights of others; freedom from discrimination; a clear description of the rules that apply to them in school; and freedom from unreasonable search and seizure. Students with special needs are entitled to have their educational needs and behavior evaluated on the basis of those needs.

### Student Responsibilities

Student responsibilities include: demonstrating respect for and kindness to others; working to achieve their full potential; following school rules and the directions of school staff, faculty and administration; fulfilling all educational assignments and obligations; demonstrating respect for school property and for the property of others; modeling good conduct; presenting themselves neatly in clothing that is safe and suitable for school activities and will not disrupt the education process; responsibility for books, tools, computers, or any other school property or equipment provided to them.

### Prohibited Behaviors

The behavior prohibited by the student code of conduct includes: disorderly and disruptive conduct; insubordination; truancy; violent or threatening behavior; possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs; possession or use of a weapon; destruction of property; harassment of any kind including bullying of other students; use of any tobacco products; misconduct on school buses; reckless driving; academic misconduct (cheating or plagiarism) and other illegal activities.

### Student Dress Code

The code of conduct contains a dress code applicable to all students. Generally, students are expected to dress in a manner that is safe, appropriate and not disruptive. Clothing that is revealing, vulgar, promotes drug, tobacco or alcohol use, is provocative or disrupts the educational process in any manner is prohibited. Additionally, wearing hats or the use of cell phones, beepers, pagers, lasers and other potentially disruptive electronic devices is prohibited, unless otherwise allowed by the school.

### Reporting Violations

All members of the school community have a duty to report activity that threatens safety and violates the code of conduct. Anyone observing or hearing of a person possessing a weapon, alcohol, or illegal substance shall report this information to a teacher or administrator **immediately**, without exception. All other violations should be reported to a teacher or administrator as soon as possible. Any person who, acting reasonably and in good faith, reports a violation or participates in the investigation of a report shall be free from retaliation of any kind. Reports of Dignity for all Students Act (DASA) violations may also be made anonymously through the on-line “Anonymous Alerts” system

### School Response to Violations

There is a wide range of school responses that are permitted when students violate the code of conduct.

These range from verbal and written warnings to in-school and out-of-school suspensions. In all cases where a student is accused of a violation of the code of conduct he is entitled to notice of the violation and an opportunity to explain. The code of conduct provides for teacher removal of students from classrooms under certain circumstances and for hearings by the superintendent when the school wishes to impose a longer-term suspension. Students with disabilities will be disciplined consistent with the procedures required by applicable laws and regulations. Any student who is determined to be a threat to the health and safety of students

or staff may be removed from school pending completion of the discipline process. ***Bringing a weapon to school, committing a violent act, making threats to another, or possession or use of drugs or illegal substances can lead to immediate removal and suspension.*** Any student removed from instruction is entitled to an alternate form of instruction.

### Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment (use of physical force as discipline) is strictly prohibited. Reasonable physical force may be used by a staff member to restrain a student when that student presents a danger to self, others or property.

### Searches and Metal Detectors

Metal detectors are used to search all students when they enter the building. School property may be searched at any time and for any reason by school officials. Students have no reason to expect privacy in school-owned or controlled spaces and electronic devices. Students and their property may be searched upon reasonable suspicion that contraband or a weapon is present.

### Crimes on School Property

***If there is reason to believe that a crime has been committed on school property or at a school sponsored function, law enforcement officials will be notified immediately.***