



## **Student Support Guidelines and Code of Conduct**

### **Executive Changes Summary**

#### **2025-2026**

As a part of our annual collaboration process, the following changes are reflected in the Draft 2025-2026 Support Guidelines and Code of Conduct.

#### **Support Guidelines Updates:**

- Updated language to highlight the See Something, Say Something Form to bolster systems for parents and students raising safety concerns outside of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.
- Updated Self-Harm information to align with recent legislation (SB 234)
- RTI Pyramid and services offered section is updated to align more closely with district supports and strategies.

#### **Code of Conduct Updates:**

##### **Level 1 Discipline:**

- No changes

##### **Level 2 Discipline:**

- One PreK-3 Code is added (222) to account for a specific PK3 behavior that needs better tracking given PreK-3 suspension laws in Ohio
  - 222: (PreK-3rd Grade) Any behavior that puts the safety of students and staff at risk
- One additional 6-8th Code is added (223) in order to better track behavior card data:
  - 223: (6th-8th Grade) Repeated behavioral infractions resulting in behavior card threshold being reached

##### **Level 3 Discipline:**

- A disclaimer is added to reflect that PK3 students may receive 300 level infractions but have differentiated administrative interventions (IE Consequences) as a result of ORC 3313.68
- Codes 320 and 321 are moved to Level 4 (see below)

#### **Level 4 Discipline:**

- A disclaimer is added to reflect that PK3 students may receive 300 level infractions but have differentiated administrative interventions (IE Consequences) as a result of ORC 3313.68
- Clarification of Codes 401 and 402 to better distinguish between threats that may fall under new HB 206 legislation and behaviors that may fall under Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying statutes:
  - 401: Committing or promoting any act or expression of a threatening nature directed to any individual or group of teachers, other staff members, students, or other groups, including but not limited to actions such as making bomb threats, creating “kill lists,” posting threats on social media, etc.
  - 402: Harassment, intimidation or bullying of a student, students, or school personnel on/off school grounds
- 300 level codes for nicotine are now 400 level codes
  - ~~320~~ 413: Using or possessing any substance containing nicotine or tobacco, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, rolling papers, a clove cigarette, e-cigarettes, vapes, and chewing tobacco, or paraphernalia such as matches or lighters.
  - ~~324~~ 414: Distributing any substance containing nicotine or tobacco, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, rolling papers, a clove cigarette, e-cigarettes, vapes, and chewing tobacco, or paraphernalia such as matches or lighters.

#### **NWLSD Personal Communication Devices:**

- Bluetooth devices that connect to other personal communication devices are not permitted in school (headphones, earbuds, etc). See below:

##### **NWLSD Personal Communication Device Usage Guidelines**

Personal Communication Device use includes but is not limited to using a personal device (ex. phone, smartwatch, or tablet) and/or accessories (ex. headphones, earbuds, or airpods) to place or receive audio or video calls, text messaging, blogging and microblogging, e-mailing, using video or camera features, playing games, and accessing sites or services on the internet including but not limited to social media sites and applications.

Elementary Schools: Personal communication devices and/or accessories for personal communication devices must be stored with the students' other belongings during the school day and may not be accessed without administrative approval. Bluetooth devices that connect to other personal communication devices are not permitted in school (headphones, earbuds, etc).

Secondary Schools: Personal communication devices and/or accessories for personal communication devices must be stored in the appropriate location designated by the school during the school day and may not be accessed without administrative approval. Bluetooth devices that connect to other personal communication devices are not permitted in school (headphones, earbuds, etc).

Continued violation of the NWLSD Personal Communication Device Usage Guidelines will result in progressive disciplinary action up to and including school removal and may also result in individualized personal communication device plans which restrict access to devices during the school day.

**Athletics Handbooks**  
Executive Changes Summary  
2025-2026

As a part of our annual collaboration process, the following changes are reflected and approved by the NWLSD Athletic Council for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Increased clarity and more specific expectations concerning parent, guardian, spectator expectations
- Increasing accountability for athlete school attendance (a student must now be present for at least 50% of the school day on days of practices in addition to days of games, performances, etc)
- Clarified language to say “Athletic Directors/Building Admin must have a fundraising approval process/policy in place for their building. ANY/ALL fundraising efforts must be approved by the Athletic Director (Ex: district, boosters/PTA, Butler Tech, individuals). Any crowdfunding requests must have prior approval per Board Policy 6605 (see Student Activity Handbook for more information).”
- Clarified language around locker room supervision to say “ maintaining systems for locker room supervision
  - Keep locker rooms locked when not in use by players. Remind players to lock their lockers during practices and games. Check the locker room on occasion to be sure that student athletes are using their locks. Ensure there is a system for assigning lockers to specific students.
  - Coaches must be in the locker room when student athletes are present to prevent thefts, promote safety, and avoid liability. An adult should always be in the locker room when students are present and should check the area before leaving. This applies to home and away locker areas.
- Added language to say “All activities, fundraising and advertising must also be in compliance with all Board policies including 9700.01 detailing content regulations related to items such as firearms, drugs, alcohol, etc.”
- Added language to say “All enrollment status decisions, including Open Enrollment eligibility, are based on OHSAA policies and guidelines.”
- Added language to say “Any ticket sales and cash handling must be in compliance with district procedure. Refer to the Student Activity Handbook for compliance and procedure information.”