

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Berlin Central School District Board of Education recognizes that the primary purpose of the school district is to provide an optimal environment for learning and education. Any action by an individual or group aimed at disrupting, interfering with, or delaying the educational process, or any action having such effect, is hereby declared to be in violation of Board policy.

The Board also recognizes its responsibility to protect school property. The Board therefore declares its intent to take any and all legal action to prevent the damage or destruction of said property. In addition, the Board will also seek restitution from, and prosecution of, any person or persons who willfully damage school property.

The Board shall approve rules and regulations to implement this policy as required by Education Law Section 2801.

It is not the intent of this policy to limit or inhibit freedom of speech or freedom to assemble peaceably. The Board recognizes that free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the objectives of a school district, and are a fundamental feature of our national life. The sole purpose of this policy, and of such rules and regulations as may be required to implement it, is to prevent abuse or inhibition of the rights of others and to maintain public order.

References

Education Law Secs. 2801, 3214

Penal Law Secs. 140.00, 140.10, 240.35