

DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

This discipline and discharge policy applies to all School District employees. Furthermore, the employment of a probationary employee, including a probationary teacher, may be terminated at any time, for any reason that is not in violation of state or federal law. Where this policy conflicts with an individual contract of employment or an enforceable provision of a collective bargaining agreement, the applicable contract or agreement will supersede this policy.

The Board believes in maintaining a work environment that allows employees to be successful in providing an education to students of the School District. In return, employees are required to meet the highest standards of personal integrity, professionalism and performance. Employees whose conduct or performance is inconsistent with the School District's expectations are subject to corrective and/or disciplinary action.

Discipline, for purposes of this policy, includes verbal and written warnings, verbal and written reprimands, suspensions and dismissals/discharges. Discipline does not include verbal or written directives, verbal counseling aimed at correcting behavior or conduct, placement upon a voluntary or involuntary paid leave of absence and performance evaluations. Such actions are not subject to this policy.

Disciplinary actions are taken at the discretion of the School District, and may arise for any reason that is not arbitrary or capricious. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, individual employment contract or an enforceable provision of a collective bargaining agreement, all disciplinary decisions of the School District are final and not subject to any grievance or arbitration procedure.