

**Hopewell Valley Regional School District
Elementary Code of Conduct**

The ultimate purpose of school discipline is the development of self-discipline and the maintenance of a safe and caring community of learners. As adults (teachers/parents), we believe our role is to help our children:

- respect themselves and others
- own and solve their problems
- see problems as opportunities
- make decisions and live with the consequences
- acknowledge their feelings and those of others
- continue to grow in their understanding of our school's virtues

Disciplinary Procedures

Examples of Misbehavior/Infraction	Consequences/Supports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cheating/lying/forgery ▪ willful disrespectful/disobedience ▪ name calling/teasing ▪ pushing ▪ biting ▪ forgery ▪ inappropriate gestures/language ▪ spitting ▪ stealing ▪ bias statements ▪ bullying ▪ false public alarm ▪ fighting ▪ hitting ▪ inappropriate touching/exposure ▪ leaving school grounds without permission ▪ possession or use of weapons or dangerous instruments ▪ threats ▪ use or distribution of drugs, tobacco, and/or alcohol ▪ vandalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ teacher/student conference ▪ parent/guardian notification ▪ teacher/guardian conference ▪ teacher/guardian/student conference ▪ loss of privileges ▪ principal referral ▪ detention ▪ suspension ▪ Referral to Affirmative Action Officer <p>Other remedies may be peer mediation, conflict resolution meetings facilitated by guidance and/or student conferences with guidance or administration. Additionally, our counselor can provide a list of community-based health and social service providers for outside support as necessary</p>

The school's response to violations of the school conduct code will take into account, at a minimum, the severity of the offenses, the developmental ages of the student offenders, students' histories of inappropriate behaviors, and Board policy. Consequences for serious or chronic student conduct violations may include such things as expulsion, in-school suspension, school community service activities (litter control, etc.), recess replacement instruction, or limited participation in/exclusion from special activities (class trips, assemblies, Field Day or special grade level activities). Parents will be notified by the school in the event of serious violations.