

4213 - STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE

Each support staff member shall maintain a standard of care for the supervision, control, and protection of students commensurate with assigned duties and responsibilities which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. A support staff member shall report immediately to a building administrator any accidents or safety hazards they detect.
- B. A support staff member shall report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to the Superintendent and local public safety agencies and/or school officials in accordance with Policy 8406 - *Reports of Suspicious Activity and Potential Threats to Schools*.
- C. A support staff member shall not send students on any non-school related errands.
- D. A support staff member shall encourage a student to discuss issues relating to the student's well-being with the student's parent, or shall facilitate the student's discussion of the issue with the parent.
- E. A support staff member shall advise and consult with the principal if there is a change in a student's services or monitoring related to a student's mental, emotional or physical health or well-being and the school's ability to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for the student. The support staff member may assist the principal in notifying the parent of any such change.
- F. A support staff member shall not discourage or prohibit parental notification of and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.
- G. A support staff member shall not inappropriately associate with students at any time in a manner which may give the appearance of impropriety, including, but not limited to, the creation or participation in any situation or activity which could be considered abusive or sexually suggestive or involve illegal substances such as drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Any sexual or other inappropriate conduct with a student by any staff member will subject the offender to potential criminal liability and discipline up to and including termination of employment.
- H. A support staff member shall not knowingly distribute to a minor any material that is obscene and harmful to minors, as defined in F.S. 847.012, in any format and/or by any manner. A support staff member who knowingly distributes any such material to a minor also commits a felony under State law and is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.
- I. A support staff member shall not transport students in a private vehicle without the approval of a building administrator.
- J. A student shall not be required to perform work or services that may be detrimental to their health.
- K. Staff members shall not engage students in social media and online networking media, such as Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), Instagram, etc.
- L. Staff members are expressly prohibited from posting any video or comment pertaining to any student on social network sites or similar forums, such as YouTube.

Since most information concerning a child in school, other than directory information described in Policy 8330, is confidential under Federal and State laws, any staff member who shares confidential information with another person not authorized to receive the information may be subject to discipline and/or civil liability. This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning assessments, grades, behavior, family background, and alleged child abuse.

Pursuant to the laws of the State and School Board Policy 8462, each support staff member shall report to the proper legal authorities, immediately, any sign of suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect.