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PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND AT SCHOOL EVENTS

Although the Spearfish School District Board of Education welcomes the use of its facilities for public events and public visitation to the schools, the Board expects all visitors to abide by acceptable rules of conduct. To maintain order on school property, the Board prohibits the following conduct or acts on school property or at school events:

- 1. The willful physical injury of any person or the threat to use force which would result in such injury.
- 2. The harassment or coercion of any person.
- 3. The willful damage to or destruction of property.
- 4. The entry of any school building or upon any portion of the school premises unless such entry is made in connection with official business with the district or to attend an activity or function authorized thereby.
- 5. The willful interference with lawful and authorized activities of others.
- 6. The possession, consumption, or exchange of alcoholic beverages, unauthorized drugs or narcotics on school property.
- 7. The use of all forms of tobacco by staff members, employees, visitors or guests in all District buildings (in compliance with Public Law 103-227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994), on school grounds, in all school vehicles at all times and at any school-related functions. For the purposes of this policy, tobacco means any substance or item, in any form, containing tobacco. The administration is directed to treat the use, possession or promotion of all forms of nicotine-containing products or nicotine delivery devices, which may or may not include actual tobacco, as a violation of this policy, provided the device is not part of an individual's cessation program.
- 8. The possession or use on school district property or at school events of any firearm (pellet gun, air gun ((including BB gun)), look-alike facsimile or homemade guns), knife (including pocket knives), device, instrument, material or substance, whether animate or inanimate, which is calculated and designed to inflict death or serious bodily harm or in the manner by which it is used is likely to inflict death or serious bodily harm.
- 9. The violation of any federal or state statute, local ordinance or Board Policy.
- 10. The refusal or failure of any person to comply with a lawful order or direction of an official of the school district in the performance of their duties.
- 11. The distribution or posting of any written material, pamphlets or posters without the prior written approval of the administration.

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Enforcement and Penalties

Any violation of the above rules shall be reported immediately to the building principal or superintendent. The administrator receiving the report will investigate as necessary and may order the violator(s) to leave school property immediately, request any necessary assistance from local law enforcement to comply with school rules, or take action necessary to preserve school property and those using it. Any violations and/or action taken will be reported to the superintendent.

Other Penalties

The penalties mentioned above are not considered to be inclusive or to preclude in any way the prosecution and conviction of any person for the violation of any federal or state law or local ordinance and the imposition of a fine or penalty provided for therein.

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