

Proposed Policy No. 5136

Prohibition on Distributing of Demeaning Images

The Norwalk Board of Education recognizes that the widespread use of social media and portable electronic devices facilitates the distribution of photographic and video images (regardless of the format or means of distribution), and that certain of those images depict their subjects in a compromising, demeaning, socially unacceptable and/or sexually explicit manner (such photographic and video images are referred to in this policy as “Impermissible Content”). The Norwalk Board of Education also recognizes that the distribution of Impermissible Content among students and employees of the Norwalk Public Schools can be used as a tool for bullying of students and employees, and can create disturbances and distractions in our schools, and, as such, is antagonistic to the educational mission of the Norwalk Public Schools.

Therefore, the sharing, distribution, publication, displaying, electronically posting or sending, or other communicating, of Impermissible Content which depicts a student, administrator, teacher, certified staff or non-certified staff member by or among any student, administrator, teacher, certified staff or non-certified staff member, or by and among any individuals within any school, is expressly prohibited.

The code of student conduct shall contain specific punishments for the violation of this Policy.

Notwithstanding any specific discipline imposed for the violation of this Policy by any student or administrator, teacher, certified staff or non-certified staff member, nothing shall prevent imposition of such other penalties as may be warranted by the circumstances of the particular violation, including (but not limited) discipline for breach of an individual’s privacy rights, sexual harassment, bullying and referral to the police for criminal investigation as warranted.

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