

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

In order to provide an effective instructional program, it is the responsibility of Strath Haven Middle School to provide a safe and orderly school environment. Preteens and teens between the ages of 11 and 14 need extra support, nurturing and guidance during a time they are demanding increased independence, exhibiting a variety of emotions and sending mixed messages about how they feel about themselves and others.

The students at Strath Haven Middle School are every staff member's responsibility and proper conduct is expected and encouraged to protect every student's rights. It is important that a sense of fair play and thoughtfulness towards others is modeled, developed, and maintained. Rules consistently implemented and followed by everyone foster an appreciation and respect for the school's environment and all its members.

Self-respect, respect for others, and respect for the environment are important components of each student's development. Adolescents sometimes make poor choices and conflicts arise. It is the role of the school to help empower students to exercise self-control, make good choices, and resolve conflicts.

Bullying awareness and prevention are addressed throughout the curriculum. Middle school administrators, counselors, teachers, deans, and support staff collaborate to sustain a positive culture of service, respect, and achievement.

Repeated intentional actions that result in a student experiencing hurt feelings, embarrassment, and/or feeling unsafe are considered bullying. Bullying may be physical, verbal/written, and/or emotional/social.

Reports of bullying are taken seriously. They are investigated and addressed according to district policy and the school's code of conduct as stated in the students' agenda.