Introduction

The Wappingers Central School District is committed to maintaining a safe and effective learning environment for all students in our schools. A school’s primary concern in establishing a Code of Conduct is to enable our young people to feel and be safe as well as become responsible, respectful and caring citizens within the school and community settings. An orderly educational environment requires that everyone in the school community play a role in contributing to an effective learning environment.

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

The Dignity for All Students Act focuses on ensuring that our schools are a safe place and that students know they are protected from certain types of behavior. All students are expected to behave respectfully toward each other and toward school staff.

All students have the right to enjoy their education without worrying about unkind words or actions from others. No student should be discriminated against based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex on school property or at any school function.

If anyone is making a student feel unsafe, bullied, threatened or harassed we urge the student or parents to contact the schools Dignity Act Coordinator as listed above, or you can report incidents to any adult in the school and they will follow up with the Dignity Act Coordinator.

Reporting

Students are expected to tell an adult whenever you see another student not following the Code of Conduct. It is important our young learners understand the difference between Telling and Tattling. Telling is when you want to help either yourself or others, as opposed to Tattling, which is reporting an issue just to get someone in trouble. Teachers, Assistant

Dignity Act Coordinators:

- Daren Lolkema, District DASA Coordinator & Title IX Officer
- TBD, BES
- Andrew McNally, FES
- Amy Fazio, FPES
- Lauren Hernandez, JEES
- James Daley, GES
- Adam Gerson, KES
- Sydnie Goldstein, MCES
- Angelina Rooney, OGES
- Michael Corsano, SRES
- Richard Dominick, VRES

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS:

Students attend school so that they may realize their potential. With this in mind, each student is expected:
1. to be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct;
2. to work to the best of his/her ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward the highest level of achievement possible;
3. to be in regular attendance at school and in class;
4. to contribute to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to learning and to show due respect to other persons and to property;
5. to dress in accordance with standards promulgated by the Board and the Superintendent;
6. to make constructive contributions to the school, and to report fairly the circumstances of school-related issues.
The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.