

STAFF CONDUCT

All staff members have a responsibility to make themselves familiar with, and to abide by, the laws of the state of Ohio, ~~and~~ the negotiated agreement, the policies of the Board and the administrative regulations designed to implement them. **All educators also are required to comply with the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators.**

The Board expects staff members to conduct themselves in a manner that not only reflects credit to the District, but also presents a model worthy of emulation by students. Unless otherwise permitted by law, staff members are not permitted to bring a deadly weapon or dangerous ordinance into a school safety zone.

All staff members are expected to carry out their assigned responsibilities. Essential to the success of ongoing operations and the instructional program are the following specific responsibilities, which are required of all personnel:

1. faithfulness and promptness in attendance at work;
2. support and enforcement of policies of the Board and regulations of the administration;
3. diligence in submitting required reports promptly at the times specified;
4. care and protection of District property and
5. concern and attention toward their own and the District's legal responsibility for the safety and welfare of students, including the need to ensure that students are under supervision at all times.

[Adoption date:]

LEGAL REFS.: Gun-Free Schools Act; 20 USC 7151
Gun-Free School Zones Act; 18 USC 922
ORC 124.34
2923.1210; 2923.1212; 2923.122
3319.081; 3319.16; 3319.31; **3319.311**; 3319.36
OAC Chapter 3301-73

CROSS REFS.: GBCA, Staff Conflict of Interest
GBCC, Staff Dress and Grooming
GBH, Staff-Student Relations (Also JM)
JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
JHF, Student Safety
KGB, Public Conduct on District Property

NOTE: Ohio's concealed-carry gun laws enable an individual with a valid concealed-carry license or temporary emergency license who is either a driver or passenger in a motor vehicle in a school safety zone to have a loaded handgun if one of the following applies: (1) the loaded handgun is in a holster on the person's person; (2) the loaded handgun is in a closed case, bag, box or other container that is in plain sight and that has a lid, cover or closing mechanism with a zipper, snap or buckle, which lid, cover or closing mechanism must be opened for a person to gain access to the handgun; or (3) the loaded handgun is securely encased by being stored in a closed glove compartment or vehicle console or in a case that is locked.

Senate Bill 199 revisions to Ohio Revised Code Section (RC) 2923.122, effective March 19, 2017, now allow a person who has a valid concealed handgun license to leave the firearm in a motor vehicle while in a school safety zone, so long as the vehicle is locked.

In addition, new RC 2923.1210 states that a public or private employer may not establish, maintain, or enforce a policy that prohibits a person who has a valid concealed handgun license from transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition when both of the following conditions are met:

- *Each firearm and all of the ammunition remains inside the person's privately-owned motor vehicle while the person is physically present inside the motor vehicle, or each firearm and all of the ammunition is locked within the trunk, glove box, or other enclosed compartment or container within or on the person's privately-owned motor vehicle and*
- *The vehicle is in a location where it is otherwise permitted to be.*

The Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators (Licensure Code) is adopted and updated by the State Board of Education (SBOE) due to legislative requirements. The Licensure Code serves as a basis for decisions on issues relating to licensure and provides a guide for conduct having professional implications. It covers teachers, principals, superintendents, educational aides, coaches, substitute teachers and other individuals credentialed by the SBOE. It is used in conjunction with applicable statutes and administrative rules.