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The Board has the authority and responsibility to preserve order to ensure the proper functioning of the District's educational program for the students of Flagler County.

The Board recognizes the right of each student to attend school for the purpose of receiving an education. The disruption of the educational program of the schools by disorder or any other purposeful activity will not be permitted.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to provide guidelines for the school administrators to follow when a school needs to impose restrictions on the time, place, and manner of students desiring to exercise their right to free speech or activity in order to maintain a safe and peaceful campus for all students and District employees. Students seeking to express their ideas and opinions through demonstration must discuss reasonable time, place, duration, and manner restrictions with school administration in advance.

While the District recognizes and respects a student's freedom of speech rights, these rights may not infringe on the rights of others or interfere with the orderly operation of the schools. Students who fail to follow the directive of school site administrators or District policy concerning demonstrations, assemblies, sit-ins, or walkouts, may be subject to disciplinary action.

District employees shall not promote, endorse, or participate in any student demonstration, distribution of materials, assembly, sit-in, or walk-out during work hours or while serving as an agent or representative of the school district.

Any student who participates in a boycott, walkout, sit-in, strike, or any similar disruptive action which interferes with an orderly operation of the school shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be subject to suspension or dismissal from school.