

Adopted: 9/28/23

**Student Discipline
Prairie Creek Community School**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish Prairie Creek Community Schools' expectations for student conduct. Compliance with this policy will enhance the school's ability to maintain discipline and ensure that there is no interference with the educational process. The school will take appropriate disciplinary action when students fail to adhere to the expectations as established in the Family Handbook established under this policy.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Board of Education believes that discipline is the positive direction of behavior toward established standards of conduct, fully understood by all, and based upon reason, judgment, and the rights of others. School discipline is to be administered firmly, fairly, and with consideration for the maturity of the individual student.

III. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

At Prairie Creek Community School, children are given the opportunity from their earliest days at the school to begin to develop self-discipline and independence. The goal is for each child to be intrinsically motivated to show self-control. Children are taught that there are logical consequences for their actions and that the freedom they experience at the school must be balanced by responsibility on their part.

All disciplinary actions shall be processed pursuant to Prairie Creek Community School's discipline policy and the requirements of the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act. Any student who violates a school policy or rule may be subjected to the consequence established in the family handbook.

It shall be the policy of the school that the following will not be tolerated:

1. Disruption of the learning process
2. Interference with the orderly conduct of school and school activities
3. Violations of public law

The Prairie Creek Community School Board will support school personnel who, when dealing with students in disciplinary matters, act in accordance with state law, school policy, sound professional judgment, and individual program procedures.

The Prairie Creek Community School Board delegates implementation of the policy on student discipline to the school administration, who shall develop and annually review sound disciplinary procedures with their teaching staff as detailed in the Family Handbook. The Family Handbook, issued pursuant to this policy, shall be annually reviewed and approved by the School Board.

Parents/guardians/caregivers may contact the Director to discuss an infraction and consequence assigned if they have questions regarding the situation. Please refer to Concerns or Complaint Resolution Policy.

IV. DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY

The school Director, or Designee, will notify students and parents of the existence and contents of this policy through the Family Handbook, which shall be available online and by request from the school office.