

**BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**2014 - 2015**

**BUS REGULATIONS**

You are expected to ride school buses in a safe and orderly manner, demonstrate courtesy and respect for the rights of others, and follow the bus regulations as explained in the General Information section of this manual.

**CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

The use of mobile electronic devices are prohibited during the school day from the hours of 7:55 - 2:18. Exceptions would include use directly tied to the learning goals and objectives of a classroom lesson. The use of electronic devices for this expressed purpose should involve all students. Other exceptions will be upon approval of administration. Students who choose to bring personal electronics devices to school must understand that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Engaging in illegal "cyber activities" and/or activities that negatively impact the instructional program or compromise the safety of others will be addressed as necessary by administration. (revised 8/18/2014)

**CHEATING, ACADEMIC DISHONESTY, AND PLAGIARISM**

Students are expected to conduct themselves honestly and with integrity in their work. All forms of cheating and plagiarism are prohibited.

**DISCIPLINE OPTIONS**

Guidelines for student behavior and other school policies are always under review. If changes occur in any of the information presented in the handbook, students and parents will be notified in writing by means of the District Newsletter or by a separate high school mailing. ***All examples and procedures of the disciplinary code are applicable in school, on school buses, during school-sponsored field trips, and from the time of departure from school until arrival home including school activities on weekends and/or evenings.*** (See complete policy in Student Handbook.)

**DRESS and PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

Students are expected to exercise good taste and judgment in what they wear in school. Any form of dress which is considered contrary to good hygiene, is distracting or disruptive in appearance, poses safety issues and/or is detrimental to the mission of the school, will not be permitted.

**DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO ABUSE**

Barker Central School has been identified by local, state and federal laws as a *Drug Free Zone*. The school is committed to the prevention of alcohol and other substance use/abuse including tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. (See complete policy in Student Handbook.)

## **DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT**

No student shall be subjected to harassment on school property or at a school function: nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex.

Discrimination and Harassment mean a single or series of related incidents where a student is subjected to discrimination and /or harassment by anyone on school property or at a school function.

Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, physical contact, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.

To be determined as discrimination or harassment, the incident(s) are of such a severe or pervasive nature that it unreasonably and substantially interferes with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional and/or physical well-being, or reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety.

### **DEFINITION OF HARASSMENT/BULLYING UNDER THE AMENDED DIGNITY ACT:**

- Harassment and bullying shall mean the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by threats, intimidation or abuse, including cyber bullying, that
  - (a) has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's education performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or
  - (b) reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety;
  - (c) reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause physical injury or emotional harm to a student; or
  - (d) occurs off school property and creates or would foreseeable create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, where it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation or abuse might reach school property.
- Acts of harassment and bullying shall include, but not be limited to those acts based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice; disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.
- For the purposes of this definition the terms "threats, intimidation or abuse" shall include verbal and non-verbal actions.
- "Cyber bullying" shall mean harassment or bullying as defined above where such harassment or bullying occurs through any form of electronic communication.