

APPROVAL OF HANDBOOKS AND DIRECTIVES

The building Principal, in consultation with the school council, will prepare and distribute to each student a handbook setting forth the rules pertaining to conduct of students. The school council will review the student handbook each spring to consider changes in the disciplinary policy to take effect in September.

The contents of all handbooks will confirm to state and federal laws and regulations, as well as Mansfield School Committee policies. It is also important that all handbooks bearing the name of the school district or one of its schools be of a quality that reflects credit on the Mansfield Public Schools. Therefore, all handbooks will be approved by the Superintendent and/or the School Committee prior to publication

School Committee approval will be necessary for any handbooks that pertain to required standards of conduct for employees or students, and those handbooks will be considered Committee policy or regulation. The Superintendent will use his/her judgment as to whether other specific handbooks need Committee approval; however, all handbooks published will be made available to the Committee for informational purposes.

Massachusetts General Law supersedes the provisions of School Committee policy and handbook language, to the extent that any provision of either is in conflict with the law. In the event of a conflict between a School Committee policy and language appearing in any handbook, the terms of the established School Committee policy shall prevail.

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