

**279.66 Discipline and personal conduct standards.**

1. The board of directors of a school district shall review and modify existing policies related to student discipline and student conduct that are designed to promote responsible behavior on school property and at school functions in order that the policy shall govern the conduct of students, teachers and other school personnel, and visitors; provide opportunities for students to exercise self-discipline and practice cooperative classroom behavior; and encourage students and practitioners to model fairness, equity, and respect. The policy shall specify the responsibilities of students, parents and guardians, and practitioners in creating an atmosphere where all individuals feel a sense of respect, safety, and belonging, and shall set forth the consequences for unacceptable behavior. The policy shall be published in the student handbook.

2. The board of directors of a school district shall include or reference in the student handbook guidance published pursuant to [section 256.9, subsection 63](#), by the department of education for parents, guardians, and community members who have concerns about school districts or their governing boards.

[2007 Acts, ch 214, §38](#); [2021 Acts, ch 170, §32](#)