

**I. PURPOSE**

In connection with the general philosophy and objectives for the district, the Lordsburg Municipal Board of Education believes that a significant part of educating young children involves maintaining an orderly climate in the schools where learning can occur. Student behavior must be within defined parameters so that children and their parents can rely upon the school to provide a safe and secure instructional environment. When this is accomplished, students will be more productive and develop good citizenship qualities and good social attitudes that will benefit them throughout their lives.

**II. UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS**

- Violation of classroom rules, refusal to obey
- Verbal abuse, cursing, swearing, profanity, disrespect toward staff
- Possession of matches, cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, weapons, or any other materials or items that may be harmful or dangerous to students or others
- Lighting a fire or fireworks
- Possession of obscene or inappropriate materials
- Disruptive behavior, disruptive attire
- Misconduct in the cafeteria or on the playground
- Theft, extortion, vandalism, cheating, other dishonesty
- Damaging or destroying school property or the property of others
- Tampering with fire alarms, fire extinguishers, or other safety equipment
- Throwing stones, pebbles, or any other objects
- Rough horseplay, fighting or threatening others
- Violation of school bus regulations
- Truancy

**III. POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

- Conference (parent, student teacher, and/or principal)
- Counseling
- Time-Out (isolation from peers)
- Immediate removal from class or school
- Detention
- Suspension from activities
- Work detention
- Temporary suspension
- In-school suspension
- Long-term suspension
- Expulsion
- Corporal punishment
- Referral to law enforcement and/or social services agencies

#### **IV. IMPLEMENTATION**

**While due process is a necessary factor in every disciplinary action, less intense consequences may be passed over when the behavior qualifies as more serious or severe. Severe behavior is defined as repetitious misbehavior or misbehavior that endangers persons or property. Administrators and staff members are encouraged to use careful discretion in determining appropriate consequences for individual students based on the individual circumstances. Consequences for chronic patterns of misbehavior are expected to graduate in intensity.**