



WYTHE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Wythe County School Board Statement

The School Board and our administrators place the highest priority on providing a safe and supportive environment for students in all our programs and opportunities. Neither the Board nor administration will tolerate hazing, harassment, physical intimidation, inappropriate touching, or any overt invasion of another's privacy. The Division has clear policies and practices in place prohibiting such conduct and to address such incidents through a full and thorough investigation to determine all relevant facts. When an allegation is founded and involves criminal misconduct or child abuse, the Division's response includes the prompt involvement of law enforcement and child protective services. For those students involved in such misconduct, specific school disciplinary consequences are imposed which, because of federal confidentiality laws, school officials are prohibited from publicly disclosing. Any allegation that school officials have turned a blind eye to any founded case of student misconduct of the kind described above is categorically false. The School Board is confident in and fully supports both its administrators and staff and its process for handling complaints of student misconduct.