

East Greenbush Central School District
Code of Conduct Summary
2016-2017 School Year

August 2016

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, Staff, Administrators and Members of the East Greenbush Central School District Community:

The Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act ("SAVE") has required all public school districts in New York State to develop a code of conduct to set forth the districts' expectations for behavior on school property. The East Greenbush Central School District strives to operate upon principles of civility, mutual respect, good citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity. The District has worked collaboratively with the school community to create a code of conduct that helps foster a positive learning experience for all our students in grades K-12. Positive student behavior is critical to providing an environment conducive to learning each and every day. The code of conduct sets forth district policy, legal rights and responsibilities, refers to current laws and regulations and may seem very detailed and technical. However, this is necessary to include all of the rights and responsibilities of any person on school district property as required by law. The code of conduct is one of the cornerstones for enactment of the SAVE Regulations. Many of our responses and plans associated with providing and maintaining a safe environment for our children and staff will depend on the spirit of the code and the ensuing regulatory guidelines for each building. The code of conduct is reviewed and revised annually. During the past several years the code of conduct was revised to add and to strengthen provisions that are intended to prevent physical and verbal bullying, cyber bullying and other forms of harassment of students. The revisions include a streamlined and confidential procedure for reporting bullying and harassment complaints to the main office in each school building.

The code of conduct will be reviewed with all faculty and students during the opening days of school. In an effort to conserve paper and reduce expenses, a single copy of the Code of Conduct will be sent home to each family. It is also available online at:

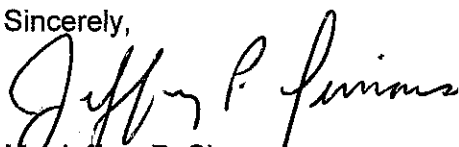
<http://www.egcsd.org/codeofconduct>

Additional hard copies of the document are available upon request. Details about the new procedures related to bullying and harassment can be found on the District's web site at <http://www.egcsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/0115-R.pdf>.

Upon receiving the code of conduct, please complete the last page of the document, indicating you have reviewed the document with your child(ren) and return it to the main office at your child's school the first week of school. If additional copies are needed, you can download the form from the District website or request a copy from your child's school. If you have any questions please contact your child's Principal.

On behalf of the District, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jeffrey P. Simons
Superintendent of Schools