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Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy

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1. Policy statement

Department of Education schools provide every student with the educational support the student needs to learn and maintain positive behaviour.

2. Policy rules

Principals must, in accordance with the Student Behaviour in Public Schools Procedures:

- document a whole school plan to support positive student behaviour;
- implement the documented whole school plan to support positive student behaviour; and
- provide individual student behaviour support where the need is identified.

3. Responsibility for Implementation and Compliance

Principals are responsible for implementation of the policy.

Line managers are responsible for compliance monitoring.

4. Scope

This policy applies to principals in public schools.

5. Supporting Procedures

[Student Behaviour in Public Schools Procedures](#)

6. Definitions

Behaviour

A student's learned actions, identified in a school's code of conduct, that contribute to the student's growth and development and the school's good order and proper management.

Behaviour support

The educational support a student receives from the school in order to learn and maintain identified behaviour.

Student

A person who is enrolled at a Department of Education school.

7. Related documents

Relevant legislation or authority

[Disability Discrimination Act 1992 \(Commonwealth\)](#)

[Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)

[Equal Opportunity Act 1984 \(WA\)](#)

[School Education Act 1999 \(WA\)](#)

[School Education Regulations 2000 \(WA\)](#)

[State Records Act 2000 \(WA\)](#)

Related Department policies

[Child Protection in Department of Education Sites](#)

[Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools](#)

[Duty of Care for Students for Public Schools](#)

[Incident Management on Department of Education Sites](#)

[Records Management](#)

[Risk and Business Continuity Management](#)

[Student Attendance in Public Schools](#)

[Students at Educational Risk in Public Schools](#)

[Students Online in Public Schools](#)

Other documents

[Complaints Management Toolkit](#)

[Effective Teaching](#)

[Incident Management Plan Template \(staff only\)](#)

[Guidelines for Implementing Documented Plans in Public Schools \(staff only\)](#)

[School Response and Planning Guidelines for Students with Suicidal Behaviour and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury](#)

[Homework Guidelines](#)

[Keeping Our Workplace Safe](#)

[Physical Contact with Students \(staff only\)](#)

[Records Management Manual for School College and Campus Records \(staff only\)](#)

[Talking with My School](#)

8. Contact information

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9. History of changes

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Notes	This new policy replaces the Behaviour Management in Schools policy. Endorsed by the Director General on 9 December 2015 D15/0557868

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10. More information

Supporting content

Procedure

[Student Behaviour in Public Schools Procedures](#)

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