Archdiocesan Board of Education — Significant Policies

Policy Numbers and titles are in **Bold**, followed by a short description of the policy. The complete policy can be found in the Archdiocesan Board of Education Policy Book.

2511 Internet
Employees, volunteers, and studnts of the Archdiocese of Dubuque shall abide by the terms, conditions, and regulations for the use of Internet and related technologies.

2515.1 Sexual Harassment
All educational programs governed by the Archdiocese of Dubuque shall maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment.

2515.11 Harassment
All educational programs governed by the Archdiocese of Dubuque shall maintain a learning and working environment free from any type of harassment. No employee, volunteer or student associated with these programs shall be subjected to harassment.

4111.4d Standards of Conduct
The policy describes the type of conduct expected from those who work in educational programs in the Archdiocese.

4116.30a Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse
Any certified or licensed employee must report suspected child abuse to the Department of Human Services within 24 hours. The school will provide training for mandatory reporters within six months of initial employment and every five years thereafter.

5117.1 Home Schooling—Religious Education
Parents/guardians and children are expected to participate in the parish-sponsored catechetical programs approved by the Office of Catechetical Services.

5131.7b Guns/Weapons in Parish/Regional/Diocesan Programs
Weapons or dangerous objects will be confiscated from catechetical program students and reported to law enforcement officials. The participant will be subject to disciplinary action.

5133 Gangs
Youth gangs and gang related activities are prohibited. Involvement and jurisdiction of school program authorities in gang related incidents occurring outside the school or off school/parish property will be determined.

5141.3 Bloodborne Pathogens
All educational programs governed by the Archdiocese of Dubuque shall strive to eliminate occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens in schools and catechetical programs.

5144 Discipline Guidelines
Schools and catechetical programs establish rules and regulations in keeping with Catholic principles and values. Corporal punishment is not used.

5144.1 Probation, Suspension and/or Expulsion
The administrator has the authority to place a student on probation or to suspend a student

temporarily. A Discipline Committee appointed by the administrator shall have the authority to expel a student.

5144.3 Harassment/Bullying of Students

No student associated with the educational programs governed by the Archdiocesan Board of Education shall be subjected to any type of harassment/bullying while on school/parish property, at any school/parish function, or at a school/parish sponsored activity regardless of location.

5145.2 Search and Seizure

A school official may conduct search if there is reasonable suspicion of criminal offense, or school rule violated, or the belief that a search will provide evidence.

6141.11 Education in Human Sexuality

Catholic schools and catechetical programs will provide education in human sexuality. It moves beyond the biological and scientific information into the fields of values and moral formation. Parents are included in the education process.

6150 Catechetical Program Standards

Parishes provide catechetical programs for students attending public school. Boards need to evaluate annually the program, the number of students per class and the integration of persons with disabilities. Approved textbooks are used.

6150.2 Parental Involvement

Parents are the primary educators of children. Parents/guardians are to be involved in the parish catechetical program.

6150.4 Sacramental Catechesis

In parishes with a Catholic school and a catechetical program, the program for parents/guardians, sponsors, and parish involvement is to be conducted jointly in the preparation for sacraments.