

# Downey Unified School District

## STUDENTS

### STANDARDS OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR

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The Board of Education of the Downey Unified School District expects students attending the public schools to maintain high standards of personal conduct. They shall show respect for themselves and shall respect the rights of others. They shall assume responsibility for their own actions and thereby show the development of self-discipline.

The Legislature has vested school authorities with the right and power to adopt rules and regulations for the governance of the schools, to prescribe the courses of study, and to maintain at all times effective control of students in order to carry out successfully the purposes of education. Students may be denied the right to attend the public schools for violations of laws and reasonable rules and regulations.

The four major purposes of discipline in the Downey Unified School District are:

1. To guide the pupil toward self-discipline for its intrinsic value to him/her.
2. To guide the pupil to a better adjustment in his/her school situation.
3. To teach pupils to respect authority.
4. To protect the majority of the pupils from the few anti-social pupils who would disrupt the educational and social activities of the school.

The Downey schools take a positive approach to discipline--the emphasizing of wholesome activities and the learning of self-control. The ultimate measure of success in this area is the desire, willingness, and ability on the part of students to conform to reasonable standards of behavior. Punishment, administered as the ultimate phase of school district policy, is intended to reform the wrongdoer and to serve as a deterrent to others.