

Ferndale High School

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Ferndale High School has a mission to educate its students and to prepare them for further endeavors after high school. Various federal and state laws, as well as school board policies govern and outline the operation of a school. The laws and policies are designed to protect the legal rights of the students and provide an operating procedure for the school to use when working with the student.

It is the intent of Ferndale High School to encourage students to have acceptable behavior, be in class on time, and be in class on a regular basis. Students are expected to demonstrate the appropriate behavior at school and at all school activities and athletic events. **School discipline policies apply to the school day and at all school activities and events, regardless of the time or place they are held.** (i.e. athletic contests, at home or at other schools, dances, class meetings, assemblies, ASB activities, etc). If a problem should arise a process of progressive discipline will be used in an attempt to correct the negative behavior and help focus the student in a positive direction that will lead to success. The goal of progressive discipline is to encourage students to:

1. Accept responsibility for their actions.
2. Provide an opportunity to demonstrate improvement and personal growth.
3. Correct inappropriate or unacceptable behavior.
4. Develop a better understanding of the problem and the need for behavioral change.

Progressive Discipline Interventions

Administrative Conference: Held with student and/or parent.
Possible corrective behavior/attendance contract established with student.

Confiscation: The act of taking away items that are inappropriate for school.
(i.e. dangerous weapons and objects, tobacco, hats, communication devices, etc.). May last until end of day, until parent conference, and/or end of school year.

Loss of Eligibility: For co-curricular activities, use of illegal substances, chronic truancy, vandalism, repeated offenses, etc.

Restitution: The act of making good or compensating for loss or damage to Ferndale School District Property. The damaged school district items will be replaced or fixed. Student's ASB account will be charged for the amount.

MST: Mandatory Study Table: To be served in the library from 2:45 to 3:45 or from 2:45 to 4:45. Students will complete class work and/or litter pickup on campus or other community service projects (WAC 180.40.235).

SAT: Saturday School: Saturday school is served in the library from 8:00 to 12:00. Students will complete class work and/or litter pickup on campus or other community service projects. (WAC 180.40.235).

STS: Short-Term Suspension: The removal of a student from a class or school for a period of 1 - 10 days. Parent Notification (WAC 180.40.245).

LTS: Long-Term Suspension: The removal of a student from a class or school for a period of 11 days or more. Parent Notification (WAC 180.40.260).

EE: Emergency Expulsion: The removal of a student from school due to immediate danger to themselves, other students, school personnel, or an immediate and continuing threat of substantial disruption of the educational process. Parent Notification (WAC 180.40.295).

