

# POLICY

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Instruction

**SUBJECT: CIVILITY, CITIZENSHIP AND CHARACTER EDUCATION/  
INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION**

**Civility, Citizenship and Character Education**

The BOCES Board recognizes that teaching students respect, civility and understanding toward others, as well as the practice and reinforcement of appropriate behavior and values of our society, is an important function.

The BOCES wishes to foster an environment where students exhibit behavior that promotes positive educational practices, allows students to grow socially and academically, and encourages healthy dialogue in respectful ways. By presenting teachers and employees as positive role models, the BOCES stresses positive communication and discourages disrespectful treatment. This policy is not intended to deprive and/or restrict any student of his/her right to freedom of expression but, rather, seeks to maintain, to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment free and educationally conducive environment for our students and employees.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 100.2(c)

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