



BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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Dear Parents and Students:

The safety of our students continues to be of utmost importance. Schools that are safe and productive for all students lead to the foundation of high expectations and increased academic performance. As this year begins, let me again remind you of the district's policies and expectations for school safety.

As of August 19, 2013, the district has employed a School Resource Officer to help monitor the buildings and grounds, as well as to ensure that students are protected and safe at all times. Safety cannot be compromised. We must provide a safe environment for students, faculty and staff. Therefore, students must acknowledge and abide by the policies, rules and regulations that govern the process of safety.

There are legal restrictions on smoking in school and on the school grounds. There are also regulations on respecting teachers and administrators, and laws prohibiting drug use, consuming alcoholic beverages, and bringing weapons to school. None of these activities help student learning and they often cause behavior that is not helpful to receiving a good education. **Students that violate legal restrictions, including the use of marijuana, other drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, or possession of weapons, shall not be allowed to remain in school or attend alternative school.**

There is to be no fighting or bullying in the schools or on the school grounds or on buses. Nothing can happen between two people that cannot be settled in a rational, peaceful, and productive manner. We have a school resource officer, counselors, behavior interventionists, parent coordinators, teachers, and principals who are willing to help. Student conduct is a reflection on the school.

The Board of Trustees supports the district's policies and rules and will uphold the laws that govern them. Above all, everyone who attends Bamberg School District Two has a right to be secure in his or her own body and property, and bullying will not be tolerated. We must respect each other and each other's property.

Please be assured that we take many other precautions to provide safety for our students. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner
Superintendent