

MANATEE DISTRICT DEMONSTRATIONS POLICY

The following is an important message to all secondary school students and parents in the School District of Manatee County.

We are entering the final stretch of the school year, a critical time academically due to state testing and preparations for graduation. Instructional time is crucial, so it is vital we protect that time by limiting disruptions.

That being the case, our Schools and School District will strictly abide by our Code of Student Conduct when it comes to student demonstrations and the Dress Code. While we recently allowed students to participate in the national 17-minute walkout staged in memory of the Parkland tragedy, that was an allowed exception due to the impact that incident had on students and schools across America. Since that time, our District has received additional requests for classroom walkouts and other protests for other political and social issues. In the interest of preserving instructional time, we are emphatically stating that additional disruptions to instructional time or the normal operations of our schools are in violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

As always, we ask for your support and understanding as we strive to accomplish our mission of educating and developing all students today for their success tomorrow.