

# 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 813

February 29, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives OWENS, GRONEMUS, LADWIG and WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 119.04 (1); and *to create* 118.57 of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2 the terms of address that pupils use with school employes.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires all public and charter school pupils, when addressing the employes of the school they are attending, to use the term “ma’am”, “sir”, “mr.”, “mrs.”, “miss” or “ms.”, as appropriate. The requirement first applies in the 2000–01 school year to pupils in grades kindergarten to 5. One grade is added in each succeeding school year. The bill directs each school board (and the governing body of each charter school that is not an instrumentality of a school district) to establish disciplinary procedures and measures for pupils who violate the requirement. Discipline may include community service but may not include suspension or expulsion.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3 SECTION 1. 118.57 of the statutes is created to read:  
4 **118.57 Public and charter school employes; address by pupils. (1)**  
5 Subject to sub. (2), when a pupil is speaking to an employe of the public school or  
6 charter school that he or she attends while at school or while under the supervision

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1 of a school authority, the pupil shall address and respond to the employe by using the  
2 terms “Yes, ma’am” and “No, ma’am” or “Yes, sir” and “No, sir”, as appropriate, or  
3 “Yes, Miss, Mrs. or Ms. (surname)” and “No, Miss, Mrs. or Ms. (surname)” or “Yes, Mr.  
4 (surname)” and “No, Mr. (surname)”, as appropriate, each title to be followed by the  
5 appropriate surname.

6 **(2)** The requirement under sub. (1) applies as follows:

7 (a) In the 2000–01 school year, to all pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten to  
8 5, except that the requirement does not apply to pupils enrolled in kindergarten until  
9 October 1, 2000.

10 (b) In the 2001–02 school year, to all pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten to  
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12 (c) In the 2002–03 school year, to all pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten to  
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14 (d) In the 2003–04 school year, to all pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten to  
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16 (e) In the 2004–05 school year, to all pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten to  
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18 (f) In the 2005–06 school year, to all pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten to  
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20 (g) In the 2006–07 school year, to all pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten to  
21 11.

22 (h) In the 2007–08 school year and in each school year thereafter, to all pupils  
23 enrolled in grades kindergarten to 12.

24 **(3)** Each school board and the governing body of each charter school that is not  
25 an instrumentality of a school district shall adopt rules establishing disciplinary

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1 procedures and measures, which may include community service but may not  
2 include suspension or expulsion, for pupils who violate sub. (1).

3 **SECTION 2.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.03 (3) (c),  
5 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343, 115.345, 115.361, 115.38  
6 (2), 115.45, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.06, 118.07, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125 to 118.14,  
7 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18, 118.19,  
8 118.20, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6) and (8), 118.245, 118.255, 118.258, 118.30 to 118.43,  
9 118.51, ~~118.52, 118.55~~ to 118.57, 120.12 (5) and (15) to (25), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2)  
10 (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34) and (35) and 120.14 are applicable to a 1st  
11 class city school district and board.

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