



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment.

Authority

The Board shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the school district during the time they are under the supervision of the school or at any time while on school property, while present at school-sponsored activities, and while traveling to or from school and school-sponsored activities.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

The Board shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct to govern student discipline, and students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability. Each student must adhere to Board policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.[\[6\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment by district staff to discipline students for violations of Board policies and district rules and regulations.[\[8\]](#)

Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction.[\[9\]](#)

Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Board policy.[\[9\]](#)

Off-Campus Activities

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:

1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
2. The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially

and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.

4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement made on school property to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct.

The Superintendent or designee shall publish and distribute to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules and regulations for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Conduct, the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules, and a listing of students' rights and responsibilities. A copy of the Code of Student Conduct shall be available in each school library and school office.[\[2\]](#)[\[7\]](#)

The Superintendent shall report to the Board the methods of discipline imposed by administrators and incidences of student misconduct, in the degree of specificity required by the Board.

The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to Board policies, district rules and regulations and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.[\[12\]](#)
[\[13\]](#)

Teaching staff and other district employees responsible for students shall have the authority to take reasonable actions necessary to control the conduct of students in all situations and in all places where students are within the jurisdiction of this Board, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the schools or threatens the health and safety of others.[\[12\]](#)

Reasonable force may be used by teachers and school authorities under any of the following circumstances: to quell a disturbance, obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects, for the purpose of self-defense, and for the protection of persons or property.[\[8\]](#)

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1. 24 P.S. 510
 2. 22 PA Code 12.3
 3. 22 PA Code 12.4
 4. Pol. 103
 5. Pol. 103.1
 6. 22 PA Code 12.2
 7. Pol. 235
 8. 22 PA Code 12.5
 9. Pol. 233
 10. Pol. 122
 11. Pol. 123
 12. 24 P.S. 1317
 13. 24 P.S. 1318
 - 22 PA Code 403.1
 - 20 U.S.C. 7114
 - 22 PA Code 12.1 et seq

