

UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103, 103.1</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103, 103.1, 235</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment by district staff to discipline students for violations of Board policies and district rules and regulations.</p>
<p>Pol. 233</p>	<p>Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction.</p>
<p>Pol. 233</p>	<p>Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Board policy.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 10.23 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq. Pol. 103.1, 113.1, 113.2</p>	<p>In the case of a student with a disability, including a student from whom an evaluation is pending, the district shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>

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<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p></p>	<p><u>Referral To Law Enforcement And Reporting Requirements</u></p>
<p>SC 1303-A Title 22 Sec. 10.2 35 P.S. Sec. 780-102</p>	<p>For reporting purposes, the term incident shall mean an instance involving an act of violence; the possession of a weapon; the possession, use, or sale of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia as defined in the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act; the possession, use, or sale of alcohol or tobacco; or conduct that constitutes an offense listed under the Safe Schools Act.</p>
<p>SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.21, 10.22</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report required incidents and may report discretionary incidents committed by students on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.25</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.</p>

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SC 1303-A
Pol. 218.1, 218.2,
222, 227

In accordance to state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all new incidents to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form.

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.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317, 1318

PA Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act – 35 P.S.
Sec. 780-102

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 10.2, 10.21, 10.22, 10.23,
10.25, 12.1 et seq., 403.1

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, Title 34, Code of Federal
Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300

Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 122, 123, 218.1, 218.2, 222, 227, 233, 235,
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