

JEFFERSON-MORGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE
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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

1. Purpose

The responsibility of the total school community is to create and maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to teaching, learning, and living. Everyone in the educational process has the right to expect that the environment will be safe, pleasant, and well organized. The climate should produce security and consistency through the establishment of reasonable rules and guidelines that require an interaction based upon mutual respect and cooperation. The emphasis should be on courtesy, consideration and the fulfillment of all necessary obligations at all times.

The Board acknowledges that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment; and the effectiveness of the instructional program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of students.

2. Definitions
Title 22
Sec. 12.16

Corporal punishment—a form of physical discipline intended to cause pain and fear, in which a student is spanked, paddled or hit on any part of the body with a hand or instrument.

3. Authority
SC 510
Title 22
Sec. 12.3, 12.4,
Pol 103

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.

The Board shall require each student to adhere to Board policies and the rules and regulations promulgated by the administration and to submit to disciplinary measures appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. School rules and Board policies shall govern student conduct in school, at school-sponsored activities, and during the time spent in travel to and from school.

Title 22
Sec. 12.3, 12.4
Pol 103

The Board shall adopt a Code of Student Discipline to govern student behavior, and students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, gender, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability.

*Title 22 Sec. 12.2
Pol. 235*

Each student must adhere to Board policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.

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

<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1317</p> <p>Pol. 233</p> <p>Pol. 233</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</p> <p>Rules governing student conduct shall require students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior. 2. Respect the rights, person, and property of others. 3. Preserve the degree of order necessary to the educational program in which they are engaged. 4. Obey constituted authority and respond to those who hold that authority. <p>Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction and a hearing before the building principal prior to being disciplined, and the student may appeal the discipline determination to the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p>Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Policy 233.</p> <p>Corporal Punishment</p> <p>The Board recognizes prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of district policies, rules or regulations. as a means of physically punishing a student for disturbances or actions that disrupt the operation of the school district and its programs.</p> <p>Only reasonable force may be used, and under no circumstances should a student be punished in such a manner as to cause bodily injury.</p> <p>Corporal punishment should never be administered in the heat of anger. No disciplinary action should exceed in degree the seriousness of the offense. Other forms of discipline should be considered as well as corporal punishment.</p> <p>In all cases, the principal/head teacher or designee will administer the punishment and the teacher or another administrator will witness the punishment. Corporal punishment must not be administered in the presence of other pupils.</p> <p>Corporal punishment may not be administered to a child whose parents have notified school authorities at the beginning of each school term that such disciplinary methods are prohibited. However, even when a parent prohibits corporal</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p> <p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235</p> <p>SC 1317</p> <p>SC 1317</p>	<p>punishment, reasonable force may be used by teachers and school authorities:</p> <p>Reasonable force may be used by teachers and school authorities under any of the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To quell disturbances. 2. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects. 3. For the purpose of self defense. 4. For the protection of persons or property. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall promulgate ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall publish and provide to all staff, students and parents the rules for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Discipline and the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules. A copy of the Code shall be made available in each school library and printed in student/parent and faculty handbooks.</p> <p>The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to the policies, rules and regulations of the district and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.</p> <p>Teaching staff and other district employees responsible for students shall have the authority to take reasonable actions necessary to control the disorderly 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>References: School Code—24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317, 1318 State Board of Education Regulations—22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq, 403.1 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001—20 U.S.C. Sec 7114 Board Policy—103, 122, 123, 233, 235</p>
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