

AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE
ADOPTED: April 25, 2000
REVISED: November 13, 2003

218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges <u>finds</u> that <u>student</u> conduct is closely related to learning. ; An effective instructional/educational program requires a wholesome/safe and orderly school environment and the efficacy of the educational program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of students and employees.
2. Authority SC 510 <u>22 Pa. Code</u> <u>See §§ 12.3, 12.4</u>	The Board shall require each student of this district to adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the administration and to submit to such disciplinary measures as are appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. The rules govern student conduct in school and during the time spent in travel to and from school. Such rules shall require that students 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 travelling to or from school and school sponsored activities. <u>The Board shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct to govern student behavior and discipline. Each student must adhere to the Board policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing school discipline.</u>
<u>22 Pa. Code</u> <u>§ 12.5</u>	<u>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment by district staff to discipline students for violation of Board policies and rules and regulations.</u>
<u>SC 1317</u>	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.
	Data regarding disciplinary action(s) may be entered on a student's record when such notation can be used to assist counselors. (See Board policy 216.1 for disciplinary records policy).

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<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility <u>Title-22 Pa. Code</u> <u>Sec. §-12.3</u></p>	<p>Any student disciplined by an employee of this Board shall have the right to notice of the infraction and a hearing before the building principal prior to being disciplined, and may appeal the determination thereof to the Superintendent.</p> <p><u>Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Board policy.</u></p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p><u>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.</u><u>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.</u><u>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.</u><u>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.</u><u>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</u><u>6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</u> <p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall promulgate rules and regulations for student conduct which carry out the purposes of this policy and are not arbitrary, but bear a reasonable relationship to the need to maintain a school environment conducive to learning; do not discriminate among students; do not demean students; and do not violate any individual rights constitutionally guaranteed to studentsensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct.</p>
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	<p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall designate sanctions for the infractions of rules which shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relate in kind and degree to the infraction. 2. Help the student learn to accept responsibility for his/her actions. 3. Be directed, where possible, to ameliorating any harm which may have been caused by the student's misconduct. 4. Hold parents or guardians accountable for the actions of their sons or daughters or wards.
<p><u>Title 22 Pa. Code</u> <u>See: §12.3</u></p>	<p>The Superintendent or his/her designee shall publish and provide <u>distribute</u> to all staff, students and their parents/guardians the rules and regulations for student behavior contained in of this district regarding the code Code of student Student conduct Conduct, and the sanctions which may be imposed for violations breach of those rules, and a listing of students' rights and responsibilities. The A copy of the Code of Student Conduct shall be adopted by the Board and -A copy of such shall be made available in each school.</p>
<p><u>SC 1317, 1318</u></p>	<p><u>The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to Board policies, district rules and regulations and in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations.</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1317</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>
<p><u>22 Pa. Code §12.5</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A</u></p>	<p><u>When conduct so warrants, the building principal shall, in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and the memorandum of understanding, contact the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the school's property.</u></p>
<p><u>Board Policy 216.1; 24 P.S.C. §13-1304-A</u></p>	<p><u>Act 26 of 1995</u></p>

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<p>24 P.S. §13-1305-A; 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 20 U.S.C. §7165</p>	<p>Prior to admission to the school district, the parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a student shall, upon registration for admission, provide a sworn statement or affirmation stating whether the pupil was previously suspended or expelled from any public or private school of the Commonwealth or any other state for an act or offense involving weapons (see Board policy 218.1 for weapons policy), alcohol or drugs or for the willful infliction of injury to another person or for any act of violence committed on school property. Such registration shall be maintained as part of the student's disciplinary record. Parents and guardians shall be advised that any willful false statements made under this section shall be a misdemeanor of the third degree.</p> <p>When a student transfers to this school district, a certified copy of the student's disciplinary record shall be requested and obtained from the school entity from which the student is transferring. This record shall be maintained as part of the student's permanent disciplinary record and shall be available for inspection as required by law.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall report to the Board the methods of discipline imposed by this district and the incidence of student misconduct in such degree of specificity as shall be required by the Board.<u>Required Reports</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><u>SC 1303-A</u></p>	<p><u>The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form all new incidents that occurred on school property and involved conduct including, but not limited to, acts of violence, weapons, terroristic threats, controlled substances, alcohol or tobacco.</u></p>
<p><u>SC 1303-A</u></p>	<p><u>The Superintendent shall annually, no later than July 1, submit the prepared Office of Safe Schools report to the police department with jurisdiction over the school building for review and comparison with police incident data. Discrepancies shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures outlined in the memorandum of understanding.</u></p> <p>The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to the rules and regulations of the Superintendent and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.</p>

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<p>—SC 1317</p> <p>School Code 510, 1317, 1318</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.5, 12.33 20 U.S.C. §7114</p>	<p>Teaching staff members and other employees of this Board having authority over students shall have the authority to take such reasonable actions as may be necessary to control the disorderly conduct of students in all situations and in all places where such 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>
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