

Tyrone Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

ADOPTED: October 13, 2008

218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.16</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103</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>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.</p>
<p>Pol. 220</p>	<p>The Board may also regulate student conduct which occurs off school property, which would violate the student Code of Conduct if committed on school property, and which is directly connected to the student's enrollment in the school district or participation in school activities. To the extent this involves student expression, Policy 220 Student Expression must be followed.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct, as listed in the Student Handbook, to govern student discipline, and students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, gender, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability.</p> <p>Applicable Board policies shall be expressly incorporated into the Code of Student Conduct.</p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:</p>

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<p>Pol. 122, 123</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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.
<p>4. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.6</p>	<p>Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction and an informal hearing before the building principal prior to being disciplined.</p>
<p>Pol. 233</p>	<p>Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Policy 233.</p>
<p><u>Corporal Punishment</u></p>	
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of district policies, rules or regulations.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>Reasonable force may still be used by teachers and school authorities under any of the following circumstances: to quell a disturbance, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects, for the purpose of self-defense, and for the protection of persons or property.</p>
<p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The superintendent or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235</p>	<p>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.</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>

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SC 1317	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.
SC 1317 Pol. 220	<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 the Board, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the schools or threatens the health and safety of others. When the conduct involves student expression, Policy 220 Student Expression shall apply.</p> <p>REFERENCES</p> <p>School Code -- 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317, 1318</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations -- 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq, 403.1</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 -- 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Board Policy -- 103, 122, 123, 233, 235</p>