

### *Student Discipline*

The principal or assistant principal of each school in the District shall have the authority to discipline students for sufficient reason in accordance with the specific building Code of Conduct, Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and other applicable Federal and State laws and/or regulations. Discipline measures may include warning, detention, suspension, expulsion or other appropriate responses to the circumstances as determined by the principal. School personnel shall promptly notify the disciplined student's parent or guardian of such disciplinary action.

The Board shall receive an annual summary of disciplinary incidents.

Offenses committed on school grounds, in school vehicles or while participating in school-sponsored activities on or off school premises or that have some other legally-recognized nexus to the school that are considered to be of an extremely serious nature and may result in either suspension or expulsion, include but are not limited to the following:

1. Inappropriate physical contact, verbal threats or attacks, bullying or fighting
2. The use of, distribution of, or possession of, any substance subject to Policy 5405. Aiding or abetting any of the above actions regarding substances subject to Policy 5405 shall be treated in the same way.
3. Carrying of any item which could be considered a weapon or which is dangerous in nature in accordance with State law.
4. Consistent lateness to or cutting of class or detentions.
5. Willful destruction or defacing of school property.
6. Chronic infraction of building rules.
7. Conduct adversely affecting the school routine or otherwise endangering the safety, morals, health or welfare of others.
8. Physical or verbal threats or attacks or other retaliatory conduct directed at school staff members, their property, or their families.
9. Chronic insubordination.

### *Bullying*

The Superintendent shall develop and promulgate an administrative regulation pertaining to bullying that includes the following:

1. delineates disciplinary consequences for bullying in addition to what is set forth elsewhere in this Policy;
2. identifies a staff person to receive reports of alleged bullying;
3. sets forth posting requirements for this Policy and the Regulation;
4. otherwise complies with the law; and
5. identifies bullying prevention strategies.

### *Detentions*

Minor disciplinary infractions may result in assignment to detention.

### *Suspension*

When a suspendable offense occurs, the principal or assistant principal shall meet with the student at which time the student shall have the opportunity to offer an explanation of the infraction. After that meeting the principal or assistant principal may suspend a student from school for a period of up to three school days. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately in writing. As a general rule, parents/guardians will be notified of and, where circumstances permit, given the opportunity to be present for a suspension meeting.

When a suspension exceeding three school days is under consideration, the principal or assistant principal shall offer the student and student's parents/guardians a hearing as required by law. After such hearing the principal or assistant principal may extend the suspension for a period of up to ten school days. The Superintendent must approve suspensions in excess of five days. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately in writing.

The principal shall promptly report all suspension actions to the Superintendent.

### *Extended Suspension or Expulsion*

In case a suspension in excess of ten days or an expulsion is recommended, the Superintendent shall request that the Board conduct a hearing under Section 1318 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, in order to determine the course of action it deems necessary regarding the recommendation.

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