

WILKINSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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	<p style="text-align: center;">218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>The Board recognizes that a serious and diligent attitude toward academic work on the part of all students is necessary for quality education as well as for high student achievement. Such an attitude can only be maintained in a school environment where students exhibit respect for each other, for educators, for academic work and for the norms of social behavior.</p> <p>It is the duty of educators to model and otherwise promote a climate of respect for scholarship and intellectual development by teaching in a manner that draws the students' attention into the subject material and by promoting the basic skills necessary to broaden and deepen students' understanding and to prepare students for lifetime learning. All adults in the school environment must consider the dignity, growth and development of each and every student as their responsibility.</p> <p>It is the duty of all persons in the school and in the larger community to work cooperatively toward the maintenance or respect for the values of scholarship and learning and respect for the opinions, personal expressions, and basic humanity of others.</p> <p>It is the duty of students to show respect for learning and respect for their fellow students by maintaining a climate of acceptable behavior that encourages and displays self-discipline and is a positive reflection on the district and community.</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>The Board charges the administration with the responsibility for developing and implementing procedures for maintaining disciplined behavior among district students. Violation of norms of behavior on the part of students will result in various penalties, up to and including permanent expulsion from the schools of the district, depending on the severity of the offense and concrete demonstrations of contrition on the part of the student.</p>
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<p>SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3</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. 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 and school-sponsored activities.</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 and Discipline Plan 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</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt a student Code of Conduct and Discipline Plan to govern student behavior.</p> <p>Applicable Board policies shall be expressly incorporated into the student Code of Conduct and Discipline Plan.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.6 Pol. 233</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, and the student may appeal the discipline determination to the Superintendent or designee.</p> <p><u>Enforcement of Behavior</u></p> <p>The following guidelines will be used by the administration in the enforcement of the norms of disciplined behavior.</p> <p><u>Detention</u></p> <p>Detention means detaining a student after school.</p> <p>The following guidelines apply to detention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification of parents/guardians must occur before detention can start. 2. Detention must be directly supervised. 3. Students will not play games or socialize while in detention. Students will work quietly and individually on academic subjects only, not extracurricular projects or activities. If a student reports to detention with no academic work, the person supervising the detention will provide such work, as s/he feels appropriate, within the guidelines established by the district.

<p>Pol. 233</p>	<p>If any student fails to comply with these requirements, s/he may be subject to more severe penalties, as described in the student handbook for his/her school.</p> <p><u>Suspension</u></p> <p>Suspension of students from district schools will be in accordance with Board policy. In-school suspensions will be conducted under the same general guidelines as those set forth for detention.</p> <p><i>Grounds for Suspension -</i></p> <p>A student will be liable to suspension by the building principal if s/he is guilty of any of the numbered offenses below while on school property, at a school-sponsored event or activity, or while traveling to or from school:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tardiness, class cutting, or leaving school without permission before dismissal. 2. Disruption of educational activities. 3. Bullying of students, employees, or school volunteers.
<p>Pol. 247</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Hazing, participation in hazing activities, or telling any student or other person that hazing or being hazed is a requirement for participation in any school-sponsored activity or organization.
<p>Pol. 248</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Unlawful harassment of students, employees or school volunteers. 6. Destroying, damaging or defacing of district property or the lawful private property of others. 7. Promotion of sexual, racial, ethnic, and/or religious bigotry. 8. Use of vulgar and offensive language. 9. Fighting or attempting to provoke a fight or physical confrontation, either between the student and another person or between two or more other individuals. 10. Persistent violation of school rules. 11. Participation in major disturbances within the school or on school property. 12. Failure to obey reasonable directions given by authorized personnel.

Pol. 222	13. Tobacco use, as defined in Board policy.
Pol. 233.1	<p><u>Expulsion</u></p> <p>A student may be expelled only by action of the Board, after a properly held expulsion hearing, in accordance with Board policy. Expulsion can be for any time period from eleven (11) days to permanent expulsion from the schools of the district.</p> <p><i>Grounds for Expulsion -</i></p> <p>A student will be liable to expulsion upon the first offense if found guilty of any of the numbered offenses below while on school property, at a school sponsored event or activity, or while traveling to or from school:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical assault upon a district employee or any other person working on school property, volunteering or otherwise visiting a school, or engaged in transporting, supervising or chaperoning students. 2. Unprovoked physical assault upon a student.
Pol. 218.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Possession of a weapon, as defined in Board policy. 4. Threatening to do bodily harm, whether or not the student is in actual possession of a weapon at the time. 5. Telephoning or otherwise communicating a false emergency alarm. 6. Extortion or blackmail.
Pol. 227	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Possession of, with or without intent to sell or distribute, illegal or controlled substances or stolen property, or solicitation for sales of such. <p>Possession is defined as having on one's person, in one's shoe(s), purse, handbag, book bag, or other item or container belonging to the student, having in a pocket of one's coat or other garment, whether or not the garment is being worn at the time, or having in one's locker or any other place to which the student normally exercises exclusive control over access.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Engaging in or soliciting for prostitution or similar activities of a sexual nature. 9. Any other act that is a felony under state or federal law.

<p>Pol. 247</p> <p>Pol. 248</p>	<p>Any student who is guilty of any of the following while on school property, at a school sponsored event or activity, or while traveling to or from school will, after repeated warnings, counseling and other measures have failed to rectify his/her behavior, be liable to expulsion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Truancy, class cutting, or leaving school without permission before dismissal. 2. Persistent disruption of educational activities to the extent that the educational environment is impaired. 3. Bullying of students, employees, or school volunteers. 4. Hazing or participation in hazing activities. 5. Unlawful harassment of students, employees, or school volunteers. 6. Destroying, damaging or defacing district property. 7. Promotion of sexual, racial, ethnic, and/or religious bigotry. 8. Persistent use of vulgar and offensive language. 9. Fighting.
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p><u>Use of Physical Force Against Students</u></p> <p>Corporal punishment or other forms of physical abuse will not be used to punish or chastise students of this district.</p> <p>If faced with a physical confrontation with one (1) or more students, where serious bodily injury is threatened or strongly implied, individual district personnel are advised to withdraw from the immediate vicinity and summon aide from other school personnel and/or the police. If withdrawal from such a situation is impossible or inadvisable as it might leave others, especially students, vulnerable, a district employee may use reasonable force against a student. Specifically, force is justified to protect oneself or others from physical attack, to quell a disturbance threatening bodily injury, or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects from a student. An incident report must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement Board policy governing student conduct.</p>

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall publish and provide to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules for student behavior contained in the student Code of Conduct and Discipline Plan and the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules. A copy of the Code of Conduct and Discipline Plan shall be available in each school.</p>
<p>SC 1317</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>SC 1317 Pol. 220</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>School Code 510, 1317, 1318</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.5, 12.6</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Board Policy 220, 233</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. When the conduct involves student expression, Policy 220 Student Expression shall apply.</p>