



SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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	218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective vocational education program requires a safe and orderly school environment.
2. Definition 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 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4	The Joint Operating Committee shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the school 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.
Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103	The Joint Operating Committee shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct 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.
Title 22 Sec. 12.2 Pol. 235	Each student must adhere to Joint Operating Committee policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.
	<u>Off-Campus Activities</u> 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 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.
Pol. 122	

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4. Guidelines Pol. 233 Pol. 233 Title 22 Sec. 12.5 Title 22 Sec. 12.5 5. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235	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. Any student disciplined by a school employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction. Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Policy 233. <u>Corporal Punishment</u> The Joint Operating Committee prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of Joint Operating Committee policies and school rules or regulations. 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. The Administrative Director or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Joint Operating Committee policy governing student conduct. The Administrative Director 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 library and school office. The Administrative Director shall report to the Joint Operating Committee the methods of discipline imposed by administrators and incidences of student misconduct, in the degree of specificity required by the Joint Operating Committee.
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SC 1317	The building administrator shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to Joint Operating Committee policies and school rules and regulations and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.
SC 1317	Teaching staff and other school 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 Joint Operating Committee, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the school or threatens the health and safety of others. References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1317, 1318, 1850.1 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq Joint Operating Committee Policy – 103, 122, 233, 235 PSBA Revision 9/06