

STUDENTS

Discipline and Control of Students~~Corporal/Academic/Group Punishment/Detention~~

A. Control of Students

The discipline and control of students shall be the responsibility of the principal, the administrators, ~~and the teachers, bus drivers and other supervising staff. The supervision and control of students should be maintained during the period while the students are in school, participating in extra-curricular or school sponsored activities, and while they are going to or coming from school.~~

~~B. Corporal Punishment~~ move to end

~~The Superintendent shall see that all employees of the School Board adhere to the Code of Virginia, § 22.1-279.1, Corporal punishment prohibited, as cited in the legal reference to this Policy. Employees shall also be informed that the School Board demands compliance with both the word and intent of the law.~~

~~C. Academic Punishment~~

~~Cheating and plagiarizing can discipline- reword this. Academic punishment, which is defined as reducing credit previously earned, shall not be used. A student's academic grade shall be based solely on his/her achievement. Other types of discipline rather than an arbitrary reduction in credit earned should be employed when punishment is necessary.~~

~~This statement should not be interpreted to preclude a student's average grade being lowered by his/her failure to do assigned work. A student cannot be given credit for work not done, such as may occur when he/she fails to do assigned work or when he/she had an unexcused absence from class resulting in his/her not having the privilege of making up missed work. The teacher will not penalize the student beyond the period of the unexcused absence.~~

BD. Group Punishment

The use of group punishment in the School Division is not endorsed by the School Board, and its use is strongly discouraged.

CE. Detention

The adult student, parent or legal guardian of a minor student will be notified in advance of the detention. Students in detention must be attended by a teacher, administrator, or teacher assistant. Students may be detained before or after school hours or on Saturday.

D. Corporal punishment

The Superintendent shall see that all employees of the School Board adhere to the Code of Virginia § 22.1-279.1, as amended. Employees shall also be informed that the School Board demands compliance with both the word and the intent of the law.

Editor's Notes:

For suspension and expulsion see School Board Policy 5-21.

Legal Reference:

Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:7, as amended. Standard 7, School board policies.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-277.2:1, as amended. Disciplinary authority of school boards under certain circumstances; alternative education program.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-279.1, as amended. Corporal punishment prohibited.

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