

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

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STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Public schools have a basic responsibility to help parents educate, guide, and when necessary, discipline their child. In the final analysis, however, these basic responsibilities rest with parents and, if they fail, the State.

Students have a responsibility to behave in a manner consistent with good citizenship. Annually, at the opening of school, all students shall receive a publication containing the rules and regulations to which they are subject and are expected to follow. Any restrictions on student behavior must be concerned with speech or actions that disrupts the work of the school or interferes with the rights of other students to receive an education.

Although student discipline should emphasize the development of self-discipline, there are instances in which it may be necessary to administer disciplinary measures. Disciplinary measures and the manner in which they are administered must be consistent with the objective of creating a positive learning environment and fostering self-discipline.

School administration shall develop discipline plans in accordance with NRS or NAC and use those plans to guide any disciplinary actions required when students fail to behave in a manner consistent with good citizenship. The school administration shall make a determination of any appropriate consequences due a student and make every effort to communicate with the parent to inform them of the infraction and the consequence as appropriate.

In no instance shall repeated infractions or abuses of school regulations which result in a referral to the office be handled without involving the parents or legal guardian of the alleged offender. Every reasonable attempt will be made to notify the parents prior to serious disciplinary measures being initiated.

The school principal or designee shall handle infractions resulting in disciplinary action, up to expulsion. A pupil and his parent or guardian may appeal the decision of the school administrator to the next appropriate supervising administrator. The decision of the next appropriate supervising administrator shall be final. Infractions that may result in expulsion must be referred to a Disciplinary Panel for consideration.

For the purposes of this policy, **Disciplinary Panel** shall be made up of three Trustees or District level administrators and must have at least one Trustee seated on the Panel. The Discipline Panel shall hear all cases that may result in expulsion from the District. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel is final with no right to appeal to the full Board.

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