

**Policy Statement #1112 (Administration) of the Board of Education  
Regarding Student Discipline**

I. Purpose

- A. To ensure acceptable standards of student conduct by offering a range of available administrative disciplinary tools in order to provide a safe, positive learning atmosphere in Calvert County Public Schools with focus on implementing restorative practices whenever possible
- B. To ensure the appropriate use of progressive discipline procedures

II. Definitions

- A. Corporal punishment – Physical punishment or undue physical discomfort inflicted on the body of a student for the purpose of maintaining discipline or to enforce school rules
- B. Progressive discipline – A range of consequences for violations of behavioral standards which provides the foundation for Calvert County Public Schools disciplinary actions; student discipline is applied at the lowest level commensurate with the action or behavior that precipitated the intervention; a balanced approach in determining the interventions and/or consequences to be used is based on an assessment of the situation and a continuum of disciplinary standards
- C. Restorative Practices – Practices conducted in a whole school ethos or culture that supports peacemaking and solves conflicts by building a community and addressing harm in a school setting

III. Policy Statement

- A. The Calvert County Board of Education believes that safe and orderly schools with maximal educational benefits for all students require the maintenance of acceptable standards of student conduct. To help maintain a safe, supportive and positive learning environment, progressive discipline will be used. Inherent in the progressive discipline process is the necessity for school personnel to help the student solve conflicts by building a community and addressing the harm that has occurred, learn from his or her experiences and modify the behavior that initiated the discipline.
- B. The use of corporal punishment is prohibited.

IV. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state, and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

V. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with local, state, and federal laws and regulations and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective July 13, 2023.

Citations

State Law: § 7-305(a) – (f) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

§ 7-306 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.08.01.11; 13A.08.01.15; 13A.08.03.03

Federal Law: 34C.F.R. 300.530-537

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

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