

Descriptor Term: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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The Board of Trustees of the Gulfport School District recognizes the need for an organized disciplinary system which supports teachers' efforts to teach and addresses the growth of positive student attitudes and behaviors.

Therefore, the administration of the District is charged with the development of a defined, systematic approach to school discipline to be submitted to the Board for policy consideration. When adopted by the Board, such school disciplinary policies will be applied consistently with similar cases throughout the District.

Disruptive, offensive, and other impermissible behaviors of students will be identified and possible consequences will be stated for such behaviors. Policies stated elsewhere governing consequences of impermissible student behaviors will apply uniformly throughout the District. The following policies on specific behaviors of students will apply uniformly to all students in their respective schools: JBE – Truancy; JC – Student Rights and Responsibilities; JCAA – Due Process; JCAB – Interrogations and Searches by School Officials; JCD – Standards of Student Conduct; JCDAC – Random Drug Screening Program; JCEB – Expulsion/Suspension Hearing Procedure; JCEC – Demonstrations and Strikes; JDA – Corrective Procedures for Misconduct; JDB – Detention/Extended Session; JDD – Suspension – Short-term; JDDA – Consequences for Misbehavior for Special Education Students; and JDE – Expulsion and Suspension.

Because disciplinary policies include detailed procedures and these procedures vary according to school divisions and differing environmental conditions at each school site, such procedures will be described and published in school handbooks which will be distributed to each student. Prior to publication, each school handbook will be approved by the Board of Trustees. Such approval will have the effect of making the disciplinary procedures as printed in the handbook the official Board policy for student discipline for the particular students encompassed by the handbook.

Ref: MS Commission on School Accreditation Standard 27