

# Williamsburg Community School District

## Policy Guide

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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	218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE
1. Purpose	The Board finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment.
2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.16	<b>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.</b>
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4	The Board shall establish fair and reasonable <b>and nondiscriminatory</b> rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the school district 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	The Board shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct to govern student <b>discipline</b> .
Title 22 Sec. 12.2 Pol. 235	Each student must adhere to Board policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing <b>student discipline</b> .
	<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:
Pol. 122, 123	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.

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	<p>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.</p> <p>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement <b>made on school property</b> to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.</p> <p>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</p>
4. Guidelines Pol. 233	Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction.
Pol. 233	Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Policy 233.
	<u>Corporal Punishment</u>
Title 22 Sec. 12.5	<b>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of district policies, rules or regulations.</b>
Title 22 Sec. 12.5	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.
5. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall <b>ensure that reasonable and necessary</b> rules and regulations <b>are developed</b> to implement Board policy governing student conduct.
Title 22 Sec. 12.3	The Superintendent or designee shall publish and distribute to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules <b>and regulations</b> for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Conduct and the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules. A copy of the Code of Student Conduct shall be available in each school library and school office.
SC 1317	The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to the policies, rules and regulations of the district and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.
SC 1317	Teaching staff and other district 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 this Board, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the

schools or threatens the health and safety of others.

**References:**

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317, 1318

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq, 403.1

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Board Policy – 122, 123, 233, 235