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I. Purpose

The Joint Committee acknowledges that conduct is closely related to learning; an effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment and the efficiency of the educational program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of students and employees.

II. Authority

The Joint Committee shall require each student of this school to adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the administration and to submit to such disciplinary measures as are appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. The rules govern student conduct in school and during the time spent in travel to and from school. Such rules shall require that students:

A. conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior
B. respect the rights, person and property of others
C. preserve the degree of order necessary to the educational program in which they are engaged
D. obey constituted authority and respond to those who hold that authority

Data regarding disciplinary action(s) shall not be entered on a student's permanent record; however, a dossier may be kept by the school administration until that student leaves the school, at which time it is destroyed.

Any student excluded from school by an employee of this Joint Committee shall have the right to notice of the infraction and an informal hearing before the Director.
This Policy is intended to work in conjunction with Policy131, Exclusion or Expulsions from School. If a situation arises where the two Policies contradict each other,Policy 131 shall control.

III. Delegation of Responsibility

The Director shall promulgate rules and regulations for student conduct which carry out the purposes of this policy and:

A. which are not arbitrary but bear a reasonable relationship to the need to maintain a school environment conducive to learning
B. do not discriminate among students
C. do not demean students
D. do not violate any individual rights constitutionally guaranteed to students

The Director shall designate sanctions for the infraction of rules which shall:

A. relate in kind and degree to the infraction
B. help the student learn to accept responsibility for his/her actions
C. be directed, where possible, to ameliorating any harm which may have been caused by the student's misconduct
D. hold parents or guardians accountable for the actions of their children

Corporal punishment may not be imposed upon a student.However, reasonable force may be used by teachers and school authorities:

A. to quell a disturbance
B. to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects
C. for the purpose of self-defense
D. for the protection of property

The Director shall prepare rules for actions against delinquent students which provide for:

A. parental conferences
B. sequential discipline
C. psychological and medical examination
D. suspension from school attendance in accordance with Joint Committee policy
E. referral to juvenile authority

The Director shall publish the rules regarding student conduct and the sanctions which may be imposed for breach of those rules.

The Director shall report to the Joint Committee periodically the methods of discipline imposed by this school and the incidence of student misconduct in such degree of specificity as shall be required by the Joint Committee.

The Director shall have the authority to discipline students subject to the rules and regulations of the Joint Committee and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing and appeal.
Teaching staff members and other employees of this Joint Committee having authority over students shall have the authority to take such reasonable actions as may be necessary to control the disorderly conduct of students in all situations and in all places where such students are within the jurisdiction of this Joint Committee and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the school or threatens the health and safety of others.

22 Pa. Code §§ 12.3 – 12.8

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