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Policy 5600 PUPIL DISCIPLINE

The Board of Education believes that the conduct of pupils in school should enable pupils to derive the greatest benefits from the educational program offered by this Board and that pupils should learn to assume responsibility for their own behavior and the consequences of their actions. Pupils are required to conform to reasonable standards of acceptable behavior; to respect the rights, person, and property of others; preserve the degree of order necessary for the conduct of the educational program; and obey those in authority.

Every pupil enrolled in this district shall observe promulgated rules and regulations and submit to the discipline imposed for infraction of those rules.

The discipline of an educationally disabled pupil must consider his or her educational disability and educational needs. An educationally disabled pupil may not be disciplined if the pupil's behavior is primarily caused by the pupil's educational disability or if the program provided does not meet the pupil's educational needs.

The Superintendent shall develop and publish rules governing pupil conduct that reasonably relate to the maintenance of a school environment conducive to learning and to the protection of members of the school community; rules must not discriminate against nor demean pupils nor violate the rights of any pupil. Sanctions for the violations of rules must relate in kind and degree to the infraction and help the pupil learn to take responsibility for his or her conduct. Sanctions may not impose an academic punishment greater than that imposed by the misconduct itself. Corporal punishment may not be inflicted.

The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to pupils. Any pupil disciplined by an employee of this Board shall have the right to notice of the infraction with which he or she is charged and an opportunity to be heard by a school official before the pupil is disciplined; the pupil may appeal the determination of the school official.

Information regarding disciplinary actions may be entered on a pupil's record when such information may assist the work of the pupil's counselors. All information regarding discipline will be expunged from a pupil's record when the pupil is no longer enrolled in this district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:25-2; 18A:37-1 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6:28-2.8

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