

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT CONDUCT AND  
DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE	
1. Purpose	The School Reform Commission finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment in which students and employees know and abide by reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior and respect the rights, person and property of others.
2. Authority SC 510, 696 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103, 103.1	The district shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory 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 and/or from school and school-sponsored activities.
Title 22 Sec. 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103, 103.1	The SRC shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct in order to inform students, staff and parents/guardians what conduct is required and what is prohibited and the sanctions that may be applied. Disciplinary sanctions shall be rationally related to the offense and designed to teach responsibility for one's actions. Students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability.
Pol. 235	Each student is expected to adhere to and conduct themselves in accordance with law, SRC policies and district rules, the Code of Student Conduct, and the lawful directions of district employees.
Pol. 233	Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction and an opportunity to respond. Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with SRC policy.
	<u>Corporal Punishment</u>
Title 22 Sec. 12.5	The SRC prohibits the use of corporal punishment by district staff to discipline students for violations of SRC policies and district rules and regulations.

<p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.</li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> <li>6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</li> </ol>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and administrative procedures are developed to implement SRC policy governing student conduct and discipline.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall publish and distribute to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules and regulations for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Conduct, the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules, and a listing of students' rights and responsibilities. A copy of the Code of Student Conduct shall be available in each school library and school office.</p>

SC 1317, 1318	The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to SRC policies, district rules and regulations 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 SRC, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the schools or threatens the health and safety of others.
SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A	When conduct so warrants, the building principal or, in schools with a school police officer, the officer shall, in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and the memorandum of understanding, contact the City police department.
SC 1303-A Pol. 218.1, 218.2, 222, 227	<p><u>Required Reports</u></p> <p>The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form all new incidents that occurred on school property and involved conduct including, but not limited to, acts of violence, weapons, terroristic threats, controlled substances, alcohol or tobacco.</p>
SC 1303-A	<p>The Superintendent shall annually, no later than July 1, submit the prepared Office of Safe Schools report to the police department with jurisdiction over the school building for review and comparison with police incident data. Discrepancies shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures outlined in the memorandum of understanding.</p>
	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 696, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317, 1318</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq., 403.1</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>School Reform Commission Policy – 103, 103.1, 122, 123, 218.1, 218.2, 222, 227, 233, 235, 805</p>