

INTERMEDIATE UNIT I

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board acknowledges that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment; and the effectiveness of the instructional program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of students.</p>
<p>2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.16</p>	<p>Corporal punishment – a form of physical discipline intended to cause pain and fear, in which a student is spanked, paddled or hit on an part of the body with a hand or instrument.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103</p>	<p>Student discipline and the enforcing of school rules shall be done promptly, consistently, and equitably regardless of the personal characteristics of the individual student. Discipline is motivated by the intent to correct and promote positive behavior and growth, as well as to maintain order.</p> <p>The Board shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students enrolled in Intermediate Unit 1 programs 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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Policy 103</p>	<p>The Board shall adopt a student handbook/Code of Student Conduct to govern student discipline, and students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, gender, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability.</p> <p>Students assigned to Intermediate Unit programs and sites must adhere to Board policies and the student handbook’s Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.</p> <p>Students placed in school district buildings in programs operated by the Intermediate Unit must adhere to the district’s policies and the student handbook’s Code of Student Conduct.</p> <p>Certain areas of Intermediate Unit policy may differ from the local school districts.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235</p> <p>SC-1338 1317, 1318</p> <p>SC 1317</p>	<p>In order to resolve any differences, individual cases should will be decided by the building administrator and the program supervisor.</p> <p>Any student disciplined by an employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction and a hearing before the building administrator or program supervisor prior to being disciplined, and the student may appeal the discipline determination to the Executive Director or designee.</p> <p><u>Corporal Punishment</u></p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of Intermediate Unit or district policies, rules or regulations.</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>The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall publish and distribute to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules and regulations for student behavior contained in the student handbook's 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 student handbook's Code of Student Conduct shall be available in each school office.</p> <p>The building administrator or designee shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to applicable policies, rules, and regulations and subject to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.</p> <p>Teaching staff and other Intermediate Unit employees responsible for students shall have the authority to take reasonable actions necessary to control the disorderly 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 or threatens the health and safety of others.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317, 1318, 1338</p>
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	<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>Board Policy – 103, 233, 235</p>
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