

5600 PUPIL DISCIPLINE

The Board of Education believes 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 a disabled pupil must consider his/her disability and educational needs. Pupils with disabilities are subject to the same discipline policies and procedures as nondisabled pupils, unless the pupil's individualized educational program includes exemptions to those policies or procedures. Pupils with disabilities shall be disciplined in accordance with Policy No. 2460 and Regulation No. 2460.6.

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/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/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.

All information regarding disciplinary actions taken against the pupil by the district and information in the pupil's record received by the district pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60 shall be maintained in the pupil's record. This information will be forwarded to another school district in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19a and N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25.1 in the event the pupil transfers to another district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:36-25.1; 18A:25-2; 18A:36-19a; 18A:37-1 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.

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