

Alloway Township Board of Education District Policy Manual

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The Board of Education expects pupils to conduct themselves in keeping with their level of maturity, with a proper regard for the rights and welfare of other pupils, for the educational purpose underlying all school activities, and for the care of school facilities and equipment.

The Board of Education believes that standards of pupil behavior must be set cooperatively by interaction among the pupils, parents, staff and community, producing an atmosphere which encourages pupils to grow in self discipline. Such an atmosphere must include respect for self and others, as well as for district and community property.

The best discipline is self-imposed, and pupils must learn to assume and accept responsibility for their own behavior, and for the consequences of their misbehavior. Staff members who interact with pupils shall use preventive disciplinary action and place emphasis on the pupil's ability to grow in self-discipline.

The Superintendent/designee shall develop general guidelines for pupil conduct on school property and shall develop detailed regulations suited to maintaining appropriate student behavior.

Important factors in an essential learning environment are discipline codes, a bill of rights and responsibilities for students, role of the teacher and professional staff, role of the parent, role of the Board of Education and the Superintendent/designee, infractions, suggested penalties and special procedures when dealing with children with handicapping conditions. The Board affirms the discipline code as an integral part of this policy and directs the staff and Superintendent/designee to adhere to the guidelines therein. The Board believes that an effective instructional program requires an orderly school environment and that the effectiveness of the educational program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of pupils.

Board policy requires each pupil of this district to adhere to the rules and regulations established by the administration and to submit to such disciplinary measures as are appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. The Superintendent/designee shall provide to pupils and their parents the rules of this district regarding pupil conduct and the sanctions that may be imposed for breach of those rules.

In developing regulations to implement this policy, the Superintendent/designee shall provide appropriate recognition for pupils who consistently maintain high standards of self-discipline and good citizenship. The regulations shall:

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

Pupils who display chronic behavioral or academic problems may be referred to the Child Study Team by the Superintendent/designee for possible identification as disruptive or disaffected. Such referrals shall be in strict accordance with the due process regulations prescribed by the administrative code. Pupils so identified shall be provided with appropriate programs and services as prescribed by the Child Study Team.

A pupil whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, may be suspended or expelled, following due process. Before expulsion proceedings may begin, the pupil must be referred to the Child Study Team for comprehensive evaluation.

Teaching staff members and other employees of this Board having authority over pupils shall take such lawful means as may be necessary to control the disorderly conduct of pupils in all situations and in all places where such pupils are within the jurisdiction of this Board.

Implementation

The Superintendent/designee shall ensure that the rules for this policy are applied consistently and uniformly, and that all disciplinary sanctions are carried out with necessary due process.

Legal References

- NJSA 2C:12-1 Definition of assault
- 2C:39-5 Unlawful possession of weapons
- 18A:6-1 Corporal punishment of pupils
- 18A:25-2 Authority over pupils
- 18A:36-19a Newly enrolled students; records and identification
- 18A:37-1 et seq. Discipline of Pupils
- 18A:40A-1 et seq. Substance Abuse
- NJAC 6A:14-2.8 Discipline/suspension/expulsions
- 6A:16-1.1 et seq. Programs to Support Student Development
- 6:32-12.1 Reporting requirements
- 6:32-12.2 School-level planning

Possible Cross References

5114.4, 5114.5