

# TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
1. Purpose	The Board acknowledges that conduct is closely related to learning; an effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment and the efficacy of the educational program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of students and employees.
2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.16	<b>Corporal Punishment</b> – a form of physical discipline intended to cause pain and fear, in which a student is spanked, paddled or hit on any part of the body with a hand or instrument.
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103	The Board shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the school district and require each student of this district to adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the administration and submit to such disciplinary measures as are appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. The rules govern student conduct in school, at school-sponsored activities, during the time spent in travel to and from school, and on property owned or leased by the school district.
Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103	The Board shall adopt a 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.
Title 22 Sec. 12.2 Pol. 235	Each student must adhere to Board policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.
Pol. 216	Data regarding disciplinary action(s) may be maintained at the building level by the principal. All such information shall be reviewed annually and removed for the student’s permanent record, as appropriate, or transferred to Category B data.
	<u>Off-Campus Activities</u>
	This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Code of Student Conduct if:

<p>Pol. 122, 123</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student’s attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.</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, such as an agreement made on school property to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.</li> <li>5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> </ol>
<p>4. Guidelines Pol. 233</p>	<p>Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction.</p>
<p>Pol. 233</p>	<p>When a violation of the Code of Student Conduct involves student expression, Policy 220 shall be followed.</p>
<p>Pol. 233</p>	<p>Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Policy 233.</p> <p><u>Corporal Punishment</u></p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of district policies, rules or regulations.</p>
<p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall promulgate rules and regulations for student conduct and shall designate sanctions for the infractions of rules, which shall relate in kind and degree to the infraction.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall publish and distribute to all students and their parents/guardians the rules and regulations of the district regarding the Code of Student Conduct and the sanctions which may be imposed for breach of those rules. The Code of Student Conduct shall be adopted by the Board. A copy of such shall be made available in each school library and school office.</p>
<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to the rules and regulations of the Superintendent and to the student’s due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.</p>

<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>Teaching staff members and other employees of the Board, having authority over students, shall have the authority to take such reasonable actions as may be necessary to control the disorderly conduct of students in all situations and in all places where such students are within the jurisdiction of this Board, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the schools or threatens the health and safety of others.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>Reasonable force may still be used by teachers and school authorities under any of the following circumstances: to quell a disturbance, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects, for the purpose of self-defense, and for the protection of persons or property.</p>
<p>42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6341</p>	<p>If a child is adjudicated for an act which is committed by an adult would be a felony, the court, through the juvenile probation department, is required to provide to school principals information concerning the adjudication of an enrolled child. Such reports include a description of a delinquent act committed by the child, disposition of the case, probation or treatment reports, prior delinquent history, the supervision plan, and any other information deemed necessary.</p>
<p>42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6341</p>	<p>The building principal is required to share the information with the child’s teacher or the principal of another school to which the child may transfer. Information provided under this subsection is for the limited purpose of protecting school personnel and students from danger from the delinquent child and of arranging appropriate counseling and education for the delinquent child. Such information must be maintained separately from the child’s official school record.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317, 1318</p> <p>PA Consolidated Statutes Annotated, Title 42, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure- 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6341</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq., 403.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 122, 123, 216, 216.1, 220, 233, 235</p>