

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT OF STUDENTS

THE PRINCIPAL, OR IN HIS/HER ABSENCE, THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE SCHOOL, SHALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING OVERALL DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE SCHOOL SETTING. THE PRINCIPAL SHALL SHARE WITH THE TEACHER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING PROPER SCHOOL CONDUCT AND MORALE. FURTHER, HE/SHE MAY DELEGATE TO THE TEACHERS SUCH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF THE STUDENTS AS HE/SHE CONSIDERS DESIRABLE, EXCEPT THAT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT SHALL NOT BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. WHEN AND WHERE SUCH RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN DELEGATED, THE TEACHERS SHALL BE SUPPORTED IN ANY REASONABLE ACTION THEY MAY TAKE.

EACH PUPIL ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL SHALL, DURING THE TIME HE/SHE IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO OR FROM SCHOOL AT PUBLIC EXPENSES, DURING THE TIME HE/SHE IS ATTENDING SCHOOL, AND DURING THE TIME HE/SHE IS ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES, BE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRINCIPAL/DESIGNEE OR TEACHER IN CHARGE OF THE SCHOOL, AND UNDER THE IMMEDIATE CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF THE TEACHER OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF OR OF THE BUS DRIVER TO WHOM SUCH RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

THE BOARD SHALL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS LEGAL POWER TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT THE PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS IN THEIR DISCIPLINARY ROLE. THIS SHALL INCLUDE LEGAL SUPPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 230.234. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD SHALL ASSIST THE PRINCIPAL, TEACHER, BUS DRIVER AND/OR OTHER SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS IN BRINGING ABOUT PENALTIES FOR THE DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR ASSAULT UPON THE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF AS SET FORTH UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 231.06 AND 231.07.

ALL SUSPENSIONS OR EXPULSIONS SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES AND BOARD POLICY 5006.

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RULES

1. When disciplinary action is taken by the principal and/or his/her designee the teacher referring the disciplinary case will be advised in writing of the action taken.
2. A teacher may not suspend a child from school or class. However, in cases where an emergency situation develops, the teacher shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to protect the students. The use of reasonable force necessary to isolate the disruptive student from the classroom shall not constitute corporal punishment as defined in accordance with Section 232.27, Florida Statute, and shall not be used as a basis for the suspension of any member of the school staff nor for holding anyone liable for such an act unless the force used is degrading or unduly severe as to its nature.
3. Additional information on the behavior management of students is contained in the district's Student Conduct and Discipline Code book.

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