

Student Code of Conduct

The District's rules of discipline are maintained in the Board-adopted Student Code of Conduct and are established to support an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

Rules of conduct and discipline shall not have the effect of discriminating on the basis of gender, race, color, disability, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.

At the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year as necessary, the Student Code of Conduct shall be:

1. Posted and prominently displayed at each campus or made available for review in the principal's office, as required by law; and
2. Made available on the District's website and/or as a hard copy to students, parents, teachers, administrators, and others on request.

Revisions

Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct approved by the Board during the year shall be made available promptly to students and parents, teachers, administrators, and others.

Extracurricular Standards of Behavior

With the approval of the principal and Superintendent, sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to those standards. Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property.

A student shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or when the student first begins participation in the activity. A student and his or her parent shall sign and return to the sponsor or coach a statement that they have read the extracurricular behavior standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in the activity.

Standards of behavior for an extracurricular activity are independent of the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in independent disciplinary actions.

A student may be removed from participation in extracurricular activities or may be excluded from school honors for violation of extracurricular standards of behavior for an activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Extracurricular Activity Appeal

An appeal of a student discipline decision related to an extracurricular activity that does not result in the student's permanent removal

from an extracurricular activity must be filed with the principal within five days of receiving notification of the discipline decision. The decision of the principal is final and may not be appealed.

A student discipline decision related to an extracurricular activity that does result in the student's permanent removal from an extracurricular activity may be appealed to a District appeals panel. An appeal of a decision to permanently remove a student from an extracurricular activity must be filed with the executive director of student and family services within five days of receiving notification of the principal's decision. A District appeals panel shall then hear the appeal and make a final decision. The decision of the District appeals panel is final and may not be appealed.

"Parent" Defined

Throughout the Student Code of Conduct and discipline policies, the term "parent" includes a parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control of the child.

General Discipline Guidelines

A District employee shall adhere to the following general guidelines when imposing discipline:

1. A student shall be disciplined when necessary to improve the student's behavior, to maintain order, or to protect other students, school employees, or property.
2. A student shall be treated fairly and equitably. Discipline shall be based on an assessment of the circumstances of each case. Factors to consider shall include:
 - a. The seriousness of the offense;
 - b. The student's age;
 - c. The frequency of misconduct;
 - d. The student's attitude;
 - e. The potential effect of the misconduct on the school environment;
 - f. Requirements of Chapter 37 of the Education Code; and
 - g. The Student Code of Conduct adopted by the Board.
3. Before a student under 18 is assigned to detention outside regular school hours, notice shall be given to the student's parent to inform him or her of the reason for the detention and permit arrangements for necessary transportation.

**Discipline Appeals
Process—General
Provisions**

The following general provisions shall apply to the discipline appeals process.

Appeal Notification

All appeals must be made in writing. Consequences shall not be deferred pending the outcome of the appeal.

Filing and Days

For purposes of this policy, the terms “filing” and “days” shall have the same meaning as defined in FNG(LOCAL).

**Campus-Level
Appeal**

Appeals of campus-level discipline decisions must be filed with the principal within five days of receiving notification of the discipline decision. The decision of the campus principal is final and may not be appealed.

**District DAEP
Appeal**

Appeals regarding a campus recommendation for placement in the District’s discipline alternative education program (DAEP) must be filed with the principal within five days of receiving notification of the campus recommendation and before the central intervention team meeting. The campus recommendation shall then be heard in a central intervention team meeting. Appeals regarding the central intervention team meeting’s decisions must be filed with the executive director of student and family services within five days of the central intervention team meeting. A District appeals panel shall then hear the appeal, and a final decision shall be made. The decision of the District appeals panel is final and may not be appealed.

Expulsion Appeal

Expulsion recommendations require a hearing at the campus level in accordance with FOD(LEGAL). An appeal of this recommendation must be filed with the principal within five days of receiving notification of the campus recommendation.

An appeal of the principal’s decision must be filed with the executive director of student and family services within five days of receiving notification of the principal’s decision. A District appeals panel shall then hear the appeal. An appeal of the District appeals panel decision shall be heard by the Board and must be filed with the executive assistant to the superintendent within five days of receiving notification of the decision from the District appeals panel.

**Corporal
Punishment**

The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment in the District. Students shall not be spanked, paddled, or subjected to other physical force as a means of discipline for violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

Physical Restraint

Within the scope of an employee’s duties, a District employee may physically restrain a student if the employee reasonably believes restraint is necessary in order to:

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1. Protect a person, including the person using physical restraint, from physical injury.
2. Obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object.
3. Protect property from serious damage.

A District employee may restrain a student with a disability who receives special education services only in accordance with law.
[See FOF(LEGAL)]