

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE</p> <p>The Board acknowledges that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment; and the effectiveness of the instructional program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of students.</p> <p>The Board shall require each student to adhere to Board policies and the rules and regulations promulgated by the administration and to submit to disciplinary measures appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. School rules and Board policies shall govern student conduct in school, at school-sponsored activities, and during the time spent in travel to and from school.</p> <p>The Board shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the school district during the time they are under the supervision of the school or at any time while on school property, while present at school-sponsored activities, and while traveling to or from school and school-sponsored activities.</p> <p>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, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability. Each student must adhere to Board policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.</p> <p>In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the district shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p> <p>Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction.</p> <p>Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Board policy.</p>
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<p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1317</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.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.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.4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, which would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. <p>The Board shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct to govern student behavior.</p> <p>Rules governing student conduct shall require students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior.2. Respect the rights, person, and property of others.3. Preserve the degree of order necessary to the educational program in which they are engaged.4. Obey constituted authority and respond to those who hold that authority. <p>Any student disciplined by a district employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction and a hearing before the building principal prior to being disciplined, and the student may appeal the discipline determination to the Superintendent or</p>
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<p>SC 1301-A et seq</p>	<p>designee.</p> <p>Date regarding disciplinary action(s) shall be governed by applicable laws and regulations and Board policy.</p> <p><u>Corporal Punishment</u></p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment as a form of discipline for students in the district.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>In situations where a parent or the Board prohibits corporal punishment, 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>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are not arbitrary, but bear a reasonable relationship to the need to maintain a school environment conducive to learning. 2. Do not discriminate among students. 3. Do not demean students. 4. Do not violate any individual rights guaranteed to students. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall designate sanctions for the infractions of rules which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relate in kind and degree to the infraction. 2. Help the student learn to accept responsibility for actions. 3. Are directed to ameliorating any harm caused by the student's misconduct. 4. Hold parents and guardians accountable for the actions of their students.
<p>SC 1338 Pol. 233 SC 1338</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall prepare guidelines for actions against delinquent children which provide for parental conferences, sequential discipline, psychological and medical examination, suspension from school attendance in accordance with Board policy, or referral to juvenile authorities.</p>
<p>Title 22</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall publish and provide to all staff, students and</p>

<p>Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>parents the rules for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Conduct and the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules. A copy of the Code shall be made available in each school library.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee may appoint a committee of staff members and students, to review periodically the Code of Student Conduct and to recommend modifications.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall report to the Board the methods of discipline imposed by administrators and incidences of student misconduct, in the degree of specificity required by the Board.</p>
<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>The building principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to the policies, rules and regulations of the district and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.</p>
<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>Teaching staff and other district employees responsible for students shall have the authority to take reasonable actions necessary to control the disorderly conduct of students in all situations and in all places where 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>For reporting purposes, the term incident shall mean an instance involving an act of violence; the possession of a weapon; the possession, use, or sale of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia as defined in the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act; the possession, use, or sale of alcohol or tobacco; or conduct that constitutes an offense listed under the Safe Schools Act.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report required incidents and may report discretionary incidents committed by students on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.</p> <p>In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all new incidents to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.</p>

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1. 24 P.S. 510
2. 22 PA Code 12.3
3. Pol. 122
4. Pol. 123
5. 24 P.S. 1317
6. Pol. 220
7. 22 PA Code 12.4
8. Pol. 103
9. Pol. 103.1
10. 22 PA Code 12.2
11. Pol. 235
12. 22 PA Code 10.23
13. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq
14. Pol. 113.1
15. Pol. 113.2
16. Pol. 805.1
17. Pol. 233
18. 22 PA Code 12.5
19. 24 P.S. 1318
20. 24 P.S. 1303-A
21. 22 PA Code 10.2
22. 35 P.S. 780-102
23. 24 P.S. 1302.1-A
24. 22 PA Code 10.21
25. 22 PA Code 10.22
26. 22 PA Code 10.25
27. Pol. 218.1
28. Pol. 218.2
29. Pol. 222
30. Pol. 227
- 22 PA Code 12.1 et seq
- 22 PA Code 403.1
- 20 U.S.C. 7114
- 34 CFR Part 300
- Pol. 805