

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT CONDUCT

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218. STUDENT CONDUCT	
<p>1. Purpose</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>2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103</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 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.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The following conditions are favorable to the development of good school discipline.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the home to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assume the primary responsibility for the discipline of the child. 2. Be aware of the child's responsibilities and obligations in the school as well as in the community, and establish home conditions which are favorable to his/her success in school. 3. Recognize that school personnel must necessarily concern themselves primarily with group training and group behavior. 4. Cooperate with school authorities and participate in conferences regarding the behavior, health and/or academic progress of their children. Parents/Guardians are responsible for the willful misbehavior of their children, in conformance with provisions of the statutes of Pennsylvania.

It is the responsibility of each student to:

1. Be honest and ethical.
2. Avoid use of obscene-vulgar language or actions.
3. Refrain from loud distracting conversations and horseplay.
4. Report to class on time, prepared to work.
5. Strive to attend school on a regular basis, avoiding absence unless absolutely necessary.
6. Exhibit appropriate classroom conduct within limits of established rules.
7. Treat others with courtesy, dignity and respect.
8. Demonstrate proper grooming and hygiene.
9. Assist in maintaining a neat, clean school atmosphere and safeguarding school property.
10. Demonstrate proper social *étiquette*.
11. Comply with state/local laws and school rules/policies published in the Student Handbook.

It is the responsibility of each professional staff member to:

1. Consistently enforce all existing school policies.
2. Encourage the use of good guidance procedures.
3. Maintain an atmosphere conducive to good behavior.
4. Exhibit an attitude of respect for students that have a positive influence in helping students develop good citizenship traits.
5. Plan a flexible curriculum to meet the needs of all students.
6. Promote effective training or discipline based on fair and impartial treatment of all students.

<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1317</p> <p>Pol. 233</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5, 12.6</p>	<p>7. Set standards in their classes that reflect a district-wide attitude of high standards of achievement.</p> <p>8. Inform all students what is required of them whenever they enter the classroom.</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 as outlined in the Student Handbook. 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 who is to be suspended by the principal or his/her designee 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 designee.</p> <p>5. Adhere to student conduct as outlined in the provisions of student rights and responsibilities in the Student Handbook.</p> <p><u>Corporal Punishment</u></p> <p>Corporal punishment shall be defined as 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.</p> <p>The Northern Lehigh School District does NOT permit the use of corporal punishment as a means of chastisement or discipline.</p> <p>A staff member may use reasonable physical force:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To quell a disturbance. 2. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects. 3. For the purpose of self defense. 4. For the protection of persons or property of the school district.
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<p>Pol. 204</p>	<p><u>School Attendance And Absence</u></p> <p>(Refer to Board Policy 204.)</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p><u>School Rules</u></p> <p>The School Board has the authority to make reasonable and necessary rules governing the conduct of students in school. The rule making power, however, is not unlimited; it must operate within statutory and constitutional restraints. A School Board has only those powers which are enumerated in the status of this Commonwealth, or which may reasonably be implied or necessary for the orderly operation of the school.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235</p>	<p>The Board of School Directors shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct which shall include policies governing student discipline and a listing of student rights and responsibilities as outlined in this policy. This conduct code shall be published and distributed to students and parents/guardians. Copies of the code shall also be available in each school library.</p>
<p>Pol. 235</p>	<p><u>Student Rights/Student Responsibilities</u></p> <p>(Refer to Board Policy 235.)</p>
<p>SC 1317</p>	<p><u>General Regulations Concerning School Discipline</u></p> <p>Every teacher in the public schools shall have the right to exercise the same authority as to conduct and behavior over the pupils attending his/her school, during the time they are in attendance, including the time required in going to and from their homes, as the parents/guardians of persons in parental relation to such pupils may exercise over them.</p> <p>Should discipline problems occur with any student, consequences will result as outlined in the individual building's Student/Parent Handbook.</p> <p>All Student/Parent Handbooks are reviewed annually and approved by the Board of Education.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1317, 1318

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq., 403.1

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Board Policy – 103, 204, 233, 235