

STUDENT CONTROL

Student control is to be achieved through firmness and reason rather than through autocratic force. Daily cognizance of the fact that students are entitled to full consideration as human beings will go far in the solution of the problems of control. There are few students who will not respond to fair and honest treatment.

ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY

All teachers are expected to assume responsibility for the discipline of their students and to assist in the correction of other irregularities that may occur. As members of the staff, teachers are charged with the responsibility of informing students about building rules, procedures, and general rules of conduct. They are equally obligated to correct students for misconduct every place they see it, in the building or on the school grounds, while they are on duty as teachers.

Every reasonable effort should be made by teachers to attempt to solve discipline problems before they are referred to the office. Occasionally something may occur which warrants the exclusion of a student from the class. In such cases, a slip should be delivered to the school office showing the problem involved, and the teacher should appear at the school office concerning the case at the first opportunity.

It is desirable that an office case be settled in conference, where the principal, the student and the teacher mutually agree that the student should return to class. Dismissals from the class or study halls by the teacher in charge are not to be considered as permanent dismissals. The final disposition of such cases rests with the building principal.

Teachers should at all times exhibit to their students an example of dignity, courtesy, and good temper. They should give every consideration to any inquiries that arise in recitation without permitting the student to be subjected to ridicule. No sarcasm, bitter or cutting speech should be employed and no words reflecting upon parents or families should ever be uttered.

When the behavior of any student is unacceptable, it shall be the duty of the building principal to proceed in the following manner:

1. Conduct a conference with the student:
 - A. Obtain all the facts.
 - B. Decide on a course of action for future behavior.
 - C. Parents should be given written notification of the conference.

2. In case of a second violation, arrange a student-parent-teacher conference in the principal's office:
 - A. Student may be suspended by the principal.
 - B. Parents may be advised that suspension will automatically follow further infraction.
 - C. In cases involving suspension or other serious infraction a record should be sent to the Superintendent.

3. Repeated violations:
 - A. Principal may recommend to the Superintendent, who in turn may recommend to the Board of Trustees, that the student be expelled.
 - B. When a student has been expelled, he or she will not be allowed readmission to school until approval from the Board of Trustees is obtained.

Policy Cross Reference:

Legal Reference:

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