

# CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 24

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
1. Purpose	The Board finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment.
2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.5	<b>Corporal punishment</b> - physical punishment of a student for an infraction of the discipline policy.
3. Authority SC 914-A Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103	The Board shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in Intermediate Unit programs during the time they are under the supervision of the Intermediate Unit 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.
Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103	Each Intermediate Unit facility/school in which students are enrolled shall be responsible for developing a Student Discipline Code to govern student behavior and discipline that is appropriate to the student population served and the programs offered. Discipline codes shall be approved by the Executive Director or designee and adopted by the Board. Students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability.
Pol. 113.1, 131	The discipline of students with disabilities, including those students enrolled in specific Intermediate Unit programs such as the Child Development Center, shall be in accordance with applicable Board policy.
Title 22 Sec. 12.5	The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment by Intermediate Unit staff.
Title 22 Sec. 12.2 Pol. 235	Each student must adhere to Board policies and the applicable Student Discipline Code governing student discipline.

<p>4. Guidelines Pol. 233</p> <p>Pol. 233</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p><u>Off-Campus Activities</u></p> <p>This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would violate the Student Discipline Code if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school, Intermediate Unit programs, or school-sponsored activities.</li> <li>2. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school or Intermediate Unit program, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school or Intermediate Unit program.</li> <li>3. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school, an Intermediate Unit program, or a school-sponsored activity, such as an agreement made on school property to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Student Discipline Code.</li> <li>4. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.</li> </ol> <p>Any student disciplined by an Intermediate Unit or 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> <p><u>Corporal Punishment</u></p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of the policies, rules or regulations of the Intermediate Unit or member school district.</p> <p><u>Use Of Reasonable Force By Staff</u></p> <p>Reasonable force may be used by teachers and school authorities under any of the following circumstances: to quell a disturbance, obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects, for the purpose of self-defense, and for the protection of persons or property.</p> <p>A staff member who uses force under such circumstances shall document the circumstances and report the incident to the principal or program supervisor. The principal or program supervisor shall report incidents of the use of reasonable force by the staff member to the Executive Director.</p>
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<p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235</p>	<p>The Executive Director or designee shall publish and distribute to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules and regulations for student behavior contained in the applicable Student Discipline Code, the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules, and a listing of students' rights and responsibilities. A copy of each Student Discipline Code shall be available in the Intermediate Unit office and each school library and school office of a district school that hosts Intermediate Unit programs.</p>
<p>SC 1317, 1318</p>	<p>The building administrator and/or program supervisor shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to the policies, rules and regulations of the Intermediate Unit and member school district and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.</p>
<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>Teaching staff and other Intermediate Unit and school employees responsible for students shall have the authority to take reasonable actions necessary to control the conduct of students in all situations and in all places where students are within the jurisdiction of the Intermediate Unit Board, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the Intermediate Unit or schools or threatens the health and safety of others.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 914-A, 1317, 1318</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 113.1, 115, 131, 132, 133, 136, 141, 233, 235</p>