

**MONTGOMERY
AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board acknowledges that conduct is closely related to learning; an effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment and the efficacy of the educational program is, in part, reflected in the behavior of students and employees.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The Board shall require each student of this district to adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the administration and to submit to such disciplinary measures as are appropriately assigned for infraction of those rules. The rules govern student conduct in school and during the time spent in travel to and from school.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The Code of Student Conduct requires that students:</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.
<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>4. Obey constituted authority and respond to those who hold that authority.</p>
<p>Pol. 122, 123</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 Code of Student Conduct if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities. 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.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">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, such as an agreement to complete a transaction outside of school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct.5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
Pol. 216	<p>Data regarding disciplinary action(s) may be entered on a student's record when such notation can be used to assist counselors. All such information shall be removed from the student's permanent record when s/he leaves this school district.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p>If detention is used as a disciplinary measure, it is more effective for the teacher to personally administer the detention. Detention will also be used by the office as a corrective measure for violation of school rules and noncooperation with the teaching staff, but it will be used at the discretion of the principal.</p> <p>The teacher's effort in establishing and maintaining good discipline will be backed fully by the principal.</p>
SC 1317	<p>Classroom violations are to be handled by the teacher in charge. In short, if misconduct occurs and requires that a student stay after school, s/he will stay with that teacher.</p> <p><u>Detention</u></p> <p>All detentions will begin within five (5) minutes after the close of school. Teachers may hold students after school for no more than thirty (30) minutes for "Teacher Detention." A principal may assign students to a designated area for "Office Detention" for sixty (60) minutes. No detentions will be served at any other time. All students will serve their detentions at the assigned time, unless it would conflict with a scheduled school event. Practices (athletic, band, plays, etc.) and club meetings do not constitute a reason for not attending detention.</p> <p>The Montgomery Area School District will not provide student transportation home following detention.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians will be notified in writing when the office has assigned detention. This notification will be in a form brought home by the student, stating the day or days to be served and the reason for the assignment.</p>

Pol. 233	<p>Any student not staying for detention may be assigned additional detention time, receive in-school suspension, or be suspended from school (with parental conference).</p>
Pol. 233	<p><u>In-School Suspension</u></p> <p>As an immediate disciplinary measure, an In-School Suspension Program has been established. Students who are assigned to In-School Suspension will attend all of their scheduled classes during the school day, reporting to a designated area after school for three (3) additional hours. A copy of the notice will be mailed home to the parent.</p>
SC 510, 1317.2	<p><u>Weapons</u></p> <p>Weapons and replicas of weapons are forbidden on school property.</p>
SC 1317.2 Pol. 227	<p>Weapons will include, but not be limited to firearms; knives; metal knuckles; straight razors; explosives; noxious, irritating or poisonous gases; poisons; drugs or other items fashioned with the intent to use, sell, harm, threaten or harass students, staff members, parents/guardians or patrons.</p> <p>Dangerous weapon means any weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, animate or inanimate, which under the circumstances in which it is used, attempted to be used or threatened to be used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury.</p> <p>Any loaded or unloaded firearm or dangerous weapon possessed on or about a person while on district property shall be forfeited to the authorities.</p> <p>Violation of this policy shall require that the incident be reported to the student's parents/guardians, and the police shall be notified.</p>
SC 1317.2 Pol. 233	<p>This policy shall also require that the proceedings for the expulsion of the student involved, or with students who assist possession in any way, shall be initiated immediately by the building principal. The period of expulsion should be no less than one (1) year. However, the Board may modify an expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</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. In situations where a parent/guardian 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 Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall promulgate rules and regulations for student conduct that carry out the purposes of this policy and are not arbitrary, but bear a reasonable relationship to the need to maintain a school environment conducive to learning; which do not discriminate among students and do not demean students; and which do not violate individual rights constitutionally guaranteed to students.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall designate sanctions for the infractions of rules which shall relate in kind and degree to the infraction; help the student learn to accept responsibility for his/her actions; be directed, where possible, to ameliorating any harm which may be caused by the student's misconduct; and hold parents/guardians accountable for the actions of the student.</p>
<p>SC 1338 Pol. 233</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall prepare rules 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 and referral to juvenile authorities.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall publish to all students the rules of this district regarding student conduct and the sanctions which may be imposed.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall report to the Board periodically the methods of discipline imposed by this district and the incidence of student misconduct in such degree of specificity as shall be 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 rules and regulations of the Superintendent, and to the student's right to notice, hearing and appeal.</p>
<p>SC 1317 Pol. 220</p>	<p>Teaching staff members and other employees of this Board having authority over students shall have the authority to take such reasonable actions as may be necessary to control the disorderly conduct of students in all situations and in all places where such 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>

References:

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

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.2, 12.3, 12.5, 12.6;
22 PA Code Sec. 403.1

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

Board Policy – 122, 123, 220, 233