STUDENT CONTROL RESTRAINT POLICY

Student Control 5.30

POLICY:

All students enrolled in school shall be subject to the laws, regulations of the State Department of Education, the rules and policies of the School Advisory Body, the University and the Code of Student Conduct, and shall be under the control and direction of the Principal/Director or designee during the time they are transported at public expense, during the time they are attending school or a school-sponsored activity, and during the time they are on school grounds for school attendance and authorized activities.

1. The Principal/Director or designee shall see that students are properly supervised while at school and during any school-sponsored activity, and during a reasonable time before and after a school-sponsored activity. A reasonable time is defined as 30 minutes prior to or after the activity is scheduled.

2. The teacher and other members of the instructional staff shall assume such authority for the control and supervision of students as may be assigned by the Principal/Director or designee, and shall keep good order in the classroom or other places where in charge of students.

3. All suspensions or expulsions shall be made in accordance with Florida Statutes and School Advisory Body policy.

4. The Code of Student Conduct for elementary, middle and high school are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Rule. The Code of Student Conduct and any revisions shall be approved and adopted by the School Advisory Body. The Code of Student Conduct shall:
   a. Be developed by the Principal/Director or designee.
   b. State the grounds for disciplinary action procedures and the rights of students.
   c. Be distributed to all teachers, school personnel, students and students’ parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at the beginning of each school year.
   d. Be filed in the Principal/Director’s or designee’s office.
   e. Be discussed with students, school advisory committees and parent/teacher associations at the beginning of each year.

5. Any School Advisory Body decision which conflicts with provisions in the Code of Student Conduct shall prevail until revisions are adopted.

6. The Principal/Director shall use the Code of Student Conduct to familiarize students with School Advisory Body rules relating to students’ rights, responsibilities and conduct at the beginning of each school year and whenever he/she deems it necessary.
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7. In accordance with Section 1003.32, Florida Statute, and within the framework of the district school body’s Code of Student Conduct, teachers and other instructional personnel shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to protect the students. The use of reasonable force necessary to isolate the disruptive student from the classroom shall not constitute corporal punishment and shall not be used as a basis for the suspension of any member of the school staff, nor for holding anyone liable for such an act unless the force used is degrading or unduly severe as to its nature.

a. The school shall prepare an incident report within 24 hours after a student is released from restraint.

b. The school shall notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student each time manual physical restraint is used.

c. School personnel may not use a mechanical restraint or a manual physical restraint that restricts a student’s breathing.

d. The use of seclusion by school personnel is prohibited.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41; (1) – (4) in 1001.42, (5) in 1012.22, (6) in 1006.07, (7) in 1006.28 (8) in 1006.21, (9) – (20) & (22) in 1001.42, F.S. LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 120.57(1); 1006.13; 1001.43; (1) – (6) in 1001.51, (7) in 1012.27, (8) in 1006.08, (9) in 1006.28, (10) in 1006.21, (11) – (24) in 1001.51; (1) – (4) in 1001.42, (5) in 1012.22, (6) in 1006.07, (7) in 1006.28 (8) in 1006.21, (9) – (20) & (22) in 1001.4; 1003.31; 1006.09, F.S.; 1003.571, F.S.; 1001.54(2) F.S.; 1003.3, F.S.; 1003.32, F.S. State Department of Education Rule: 6A1.04040 Adopted: Sept. 7, 2005
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