

## Students

### **DISCIPLINE**

#### Site-Level Rules

In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the school shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians.
2. Teachers.
3. School administrators.
4. School security personnel, if any.
5. For Grades 7 and 8, students enrolled in the school.

The final version of the rules shall be adopted by a panel comprised of the principal or designee and a representative selected by classroom teachers employed at the school. Each school shall file a copy of the rules with the Superintendent or designee.

The rules shall be consistent with law, Governing Board policy, and District regulations. The Board may review, at an open meeting, the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law.

Each school shall review its site-level discipline rules at least every four years. (Education Code 35291.5)

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary strategies provided in Board policy, regulation, and law may be used in developing site-level rules. These strategies include, but are not limited to:

1. Referral of the student for advice and counseling.
2. Discussion or conference with parents/guardians.
3. Recess restriction.
4. Detention during and after school hours.
5. Community service.
6. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment.

*(cf. 6158 – Off-campus Independent Study)*

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7. Removal from the class in accordance with Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and state law.
8. Suspension and expulsion.

*(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

*(cf. 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

### Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student. (Education Code 49001)

For the purposes of this policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff, or other persons or to prevent damage to property or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student. (Education Code 49001)

*(cf. 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

### Recess Restriction

A teacher may restrict a student's recess time when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior (Education Code 44807.5), subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under a certificated employee's supervision during the period of restriction.
3. Teachers shall inform the principal of any recess restrictions they impose.

### Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

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If a student will miss his/her school bus due to being detained after school, or if the student is not transported by school bus, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee speaks to the parent/guardian.

In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs. (5 CCR 307, 353)

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

Students may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school.

## Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Board, Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service on school grounds, or with written permission of the student's parent/guardian off school grounds, during non-school hours. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then a student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension pursuant to this section. (Education Code 48900.6)

## Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of District rules related to discipline. (Education Code 48980)

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The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of the rules related to discipline to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the District. (Education Code 35291.5)

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