

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective vocational education program requires a safe and orderly school environment.
2. Authority SC 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103, 103.1	The Joint Operating Committee shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the center during the time they are under the supervision of the center 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. 12.2, 12.3 12.4 Pol 103, 235	The Joint Operating Committee shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct to govern student discipline, and students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/ disability. Each student must adhere to Joint Operating Committee policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.
Title 22 Sec. 12.5	The Joint Operating Committee prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of Joint Operating Committee policies and center rules and regulations.
Pol. 233	Any student disciplined by a center employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction
Pol. 233	Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Joint Operating Committee policy.
	<u>Off-Campus Activities</u>
	This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:

<p>Pol. 122</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from the center or a center-sponsored activity, whether or not via scenter furnished transportation. 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. 3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the center, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the center. 4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in the center that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in the center. 5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property. 6. There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student’s attendance at the center or center-sponsored activities.
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Administrative Director or designee shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Joint Operating Committee policy governing student conduct.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 235</p>	<p>The Administrative Director or designee shall publish and distribute to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules and regulations for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Conduct, the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules, and a listing of students' rights and responsibilities. A copy of the Code of Student Conduct shall be available in each school library and school office.</p>
<p>SC 1317, 1318</p>	<p>The Administrative Director shall report to the Joint Operating Committee the methods of discipline imposed by administrators and incidences of student misconduct, in the degree of specificity required by the Joint Operating Committee.</p>
<p>SC 1317</p>	<p>The building administrator shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to Joint Operating Committee policies and center rules and regulations and to the student’s due process right to notice, hearing and appeal.</p> <p>Teaching staff and other center 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 Joint</p>

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<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.5</p>	<p>Operating Committee, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the center or threatens the health and safety of others.</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>SC 1302.1-A 1303-A</p>	<p>When conduct so warrants, the building administrator shall, in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and the memorandum of understanding, contact the police department who has jurisdiction over the school's (center's) property.</p>
<p>Pol. 805</p>	<p>The memorandum of understanding shall provide procedures for local law enforcement response including, but not limited to, investigation of the incident, interrogation and custody of the student.</p> <p><u>Required Reports</u></p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Administrative Director shall report to the Joint Operating Committee the methods of discipline imposed by administrators and incidences of student misconduct, in the degree of specificity required by the Joint Operating Committee.</p>
<p>Pol. 218.1, 218.2, 222, 227</p>	<p>The Administrative Director shall annually, by July 31, report to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form all new incidents that occurred on school (center) property and involved conduct including, but not limited to, acts of violence, weapons, terroristic threats, controlled substances, alcohol or tobacco.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>The Administrative Director shall annually, no later than July 1, submit the prepared Office of Safe Schools report to the police department with jurisdiction over the school building for review and comparison with police incident data. Discrepancies shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures outlined in the memorandum of understanding.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317, 1318</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq., 403.1</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 103.1, 122, 123, 218.1, 218.2, 222, 227, 233, 235, 805</p>