



NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

Board of Education Policy 7-200

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STUDENTS

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to balance the rights of students with the interests of an orderly education process, and a learning environment conducive to the healthy growth and development of all students.

Prohibited Student Conduct

Disciplinary action may be taken against any student guilty of serious disobedience or misconduct, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco materials;
2. using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcohol beverages;
3. using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling illegal drugs or controlled substances and look-alike drugs;
4. using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, creating or selling drug paraphernalia including, but not limited to, rolling papers, pipes or other devices designed or used for smoking or inhaling drugs;
5. using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling explosives, firearms, knives, or any other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or a replica of such an object;
6. using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling laser pens or similar laser items that could be used to disrupt educational activities and are potentially dangerous if used improperly;

7. using or possessing electronic signaling or receiving and cellular radio-telecommunication devices, in violation of District Policy 7-245 unless authorized and approved by the Principal or the Principal's designee. Electronic signaling devices include, but are not limited to, pocket — and all similar — electronic paging devices and cellular phones;
8. disobeying directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations governing student conduct;
9. using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct;
10. causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property;
11. unexcused absenteeism, however, the truancy statutes and Board of Education policy will be utilized for chronic and habitual truants;
12. involvement in gangs or gang-related activities, including the display of gang symbols and paraphernalia;
13. engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function or is disruptive; or
14. engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct.

These grounds for disciplinary action apply whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to:

1. on school grounds before, during, or after school hours and at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
2. off school grounds at a school activity, function or event;
3. at Indian Hill Park;
4. traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
5. anywhere, if the conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member, or an interference with school purposes or an education function.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures include:

1. personal counseling;
2. withholding of privileges;
3. seizure of contraband;
4. removal from classroom;
5. in-school suspension;
6. detention or Saturday school, provided the student's parents/guardians have been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure must be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Principal or designee;
7. suspension from school and all school-sponsored events for up to 10 school days;
8. suspension of bus riding privileges;
9. expulsion from school and all school-sponsored events; or
10. notification of juvenile authorities whenever the conduct involves illegal drugs (controlled substances), look-alike drugs, alcohol, or weapons.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used. Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include, and certificated personnel are permitted to use, reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of property.

Before receiving disciplinary action, the student shall be given the opportunity to deny or explain his or her conduct.

Physical restraints may be used when necessary to protect the student or other individuals and/or property from harm in a manner consistent with Illinois law.

Psychotropic or Psychostimulant Medication

No student may be disciplined because of the refusal of his/her parents or guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

At least once every two years, certified school personnel and administrators will receive inservice training on the current best practices regarding the identification and treatment of attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the application of nonaversive behavioral interventions in the school environment, and the use of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication for school-age children.

This policy does not prohibit school medical staff, an individualized educational program team, or a professional worker as defined by Section 5/14-1.10 of the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/14.10, from recommending that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner or prohibit school personnel from consulting with the practitioner with the consent of the student's parent or guardian.

Delegation of Authority

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under his or her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment or in-school suspension, which is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers may use reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students and remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, Principal or Dean of Students is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers and may suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (including all school functions) and from riding the school bus, up to 10 consecutive school days, provided the appropriate procedures are followed.

The Board may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 school days for safety reasons and may expel students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct for the remainder of the school term or for a shorter period as determined by the Board.

Student Discipline Advisory Committee

The Board shall establish and maintain a parent-teacher advisory committee to assist in the development of student discipline policy and procedures.

The Student Discipline Advisory Committee shall be representative of the entire school community. The Student Discipline Advisory Committee shall be comprised of parents, teachers and may also include students and community representatives. Members shall be

individuals who have shown an interest in District educational issues and who are willing to commit time to committee work.

The Committee may call upon the Administrative staff of the District to provide the Committee with such information as the Committee deems necessary to carry out its function.

The Committee shall review such issues as student discipline, disruptive classroom behavior and the dissemination of information regarding standards for student conduct.

The Committee, in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, shall develop with the Board policy guideline procedures to establish and maintain a reciprocal reporting system between the District and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students.

The Committee shall make an annual written report to the School Board of its findings and recommendations by April each year. The Board shall consider the recommendations of the Committee when reviewing student discipline policy.

Student Guide Book

A *Student Guide Book*, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the student's parents/guardians within 15 school days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment.

Student Grievances

The Board recognizes that most cases of student grievances should and will be settled by means of established channels within the school. Any student, however, who feels compelled to call to the attention of the administration and the Board the conduct or qualifications of any member of the faculty, the administration, maintenance personnel or other student, shall submit his or her charges or complaints in writing to the Principal or the Secretary of the Board, shall date the complaint and sign his or her name, class and adviser room as well as his or her home address. Such communications shall include names, dates, times and full details to facilitate fair and prompt consideration by the administration and the Board of requests or complaints.

Legal References: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 105 ILCS 5/24

23 Ill. Admin. Code §§1.210 and 1.280

105 ILCS 10-20.35

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