



## Policy 14: Student Discipline

### Purpose:

The Board is required to develop a discipline policy for the District to promote a safe and positive learning environment for all students within its schools. This policy will provide guidance and direction to staff in dealing with students who have not adhered to the school rules, or the requirements of the *Education Act*.

### Specifically

1. All staff members are required to become familiar with the appropriate sections of the *Education Act* dealing with student conduct and responsibilities. Specifically sections 22, 27 and 33.
2. All staff members are required to become familiar with the appropriate sections of the Education Act that deal with discipline of students. Specifically sections 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43.
3. Each principal shall develop school expectations concerning student conduct and the responsibilities of parents and staff through consultation with students, parents and staff. Consultation may include appropriate community agencies.
4. School discipline should emphasize the development of socially responsible behaviour, which includes respect for the rights and well-being of self, people, and property. School discipline should promote the growth of students with respect to self-discipline.
5. Each principal shall ensure that students, parents and staff are made aware of the possible consequences faced by students who are found responsible for misconduct.
6. The principal must ensure that parents and students are made aware of the provisions for appeal of school disciplinary decisions.
7. A parent and/or student who wishes to appeal a decision made at the school level shall have the right to request to the Superintendent to resolve the matter. Further, a parent and/or student may request a hearing before the Board in accordance with Board Policy 15.
8. The superintendent shall ensure that all school discipline policies and procedures are consistent with the Board policies and legislation.
9. The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to review and approve all student suspensions in excess of five days to a maximum of 20 days.

### References/Related Documents:

- Education Act
- Administrative Procedures



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Revision History			
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1-3	Adopted and revised before the revision table was included. Going forward a summary for the changes will be included	May 2008 June 2011 February 2020	2022-2026 Board
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