

STUDENTS

Discipline

The County Office of Education believes that one of the major functions of the schools is the preparation of youth for responsible citizenship. The County Office of Education shall foster a learning environment which reinforces the concepts of self-discipline and the acceptance of personal responsibility. Students are expected to progress from being adult-directed to self-directed with minimal application of disciplinary measures.

In order to maintain an environment conducive to attaining the highest quality of education, there must exist certain disciplinary policies and regulations relating to student conduct which delineate acceptable behavior and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices within each school/program. These policies and regulations will be enforced fairly and uniformly and consistently without regard to race, creed, color, religion, ancestry, disability, national origin, or sex.

The administration, teachers, and classified staff share the mutual responsibility for student conduct and safety and the enforcement of policies and regulations. The County Office of Education shall give all reasonable support and assistance to all employees with respect to student discipline.

Not all students will adhere to rules for appropriate behavior. Sufficient support services shall be made available so that continually disruptive students will not unreasonably be returned to classes without some modification of behavior. Students may be assigned to other alternative programs or be subject to removal from the school/program.

School site and program rules for student discipline will be enforced fairly, uniformly and consistently. All school site and program rules shall be strictly based on County Office of Education policies, regulations and existing law.

All avenues provided in policy, regulation and law for the discipline of students may be utilized in developing site level and program rules. These include but are not limited to advising and counseling students, conferencing with parents/guardians, detention during and after school hours, alternative educational environments and, if necessary, suspension and expulsion.

Special care shall be taken to solicit the views of the school community, including administrators, teachers, school security personnel, parent/guardians and students in developing the site level rules.

The adoption of each school/program's rules on student discipline is the responsibility of the program administrator and a designated teacher.

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

School site/program rules shall be revised as required by any changes in policy, regulation or law and shall undergo the program level rule review and adoption process on a periodic basis.

Every parent/guardian of students in the County Office of Education programs shall be notified in writing of all policies, administrative regulations and individual school rules related to discipline at the beginning of each school year and that transfer students and their parents/guardians are so advised at the time of enrollment in school.

The notice shall include the fact that these rules and regulations are available on request at the program administrator's office.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student.

The use of reasonable and necessary force by an employee to protect oneself or students or to prevent damage to the County Office of Education property shall not be considered corporal punishment for purposes of this policy.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35291 Rules

35291.5 Rules and procedures on school discipline

35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules: additional employees

44807 Duty concerning conduct of pupils

44807.5 Recess restrictions

48630-48644.5 Opportunity schools

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion

48908 Duties of pupils

48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians

49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

49330-49335 Injurious objects

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

300-307 Duties of pupils

353 Detention after school