Subject: School Conduct and Discipline

The policy on school conduct and discipline is designed to promote responsible student behavior and includes:

a) A bill of rights and responsibilities of students which focuses upon positive student behavior, and is publicized and explained to all students on an annual basis;

b) A discipline code for student behavior setting forth prohibited student conduct and the range of penalties, which may be imposed for violation of such code, which is publicized and explained to all students and provided in writing to all parents/legal guardians on an annual basis. Such code shall describe the roles of teachers, administrators, Board of Education, and parents/legal guardians;

c) Strategies and procedures for the maintenance and enforcement of public order on school property which shall govern the conduct of all persons on school premises, in accordance with section 2801 of the Education Law and accepted principles of due process of law;

d) Procedures within each building to involve pupil service personnel, administrators, teachers, parents and students in the early identification and resolution of discipline problems. For students identified as having handicapping conditions, the policy includes procedures for determining when a student's conduct shall constitute a reason for referral to the Committee on Special Education for review and modification, if appropriate, of the student's individualized education program;

e) Alternative educational programs appropriate to individual student needs;

f) Disciplinary measures for violation of the school policies developed in accordance with subparagraphs b) and c) above. Such measures shall be appropriate to the seriousness of the offense and, where applicable, to the previous disciplinary record of the student. Any suspension from attendance upon instruction may be imposed only in accordance with section 3214 of the Education Law;
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  g) Guidelines and programs for in-service education programs for all district staff members to ensure effective implementation of school policy on school conduct and discipline.

  h) Annually the Board will approve the District Code of Conduct with their approval of the School Safety Plan.

Regulations of the Commissioner Part 100.2(1)

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