

5520 DISORDER AND DEMONSTRATION

The Board of Education is responsible for providing a thorough and efficient system of education for pupils in this district and is authorized to preserve order so that the system may function properly. Pupils will not be disturbed in the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed rights to assemble peaceably and to express ideas and opinions, privately or publicly, provided that their activities do not infringe on the rights of others and do not interfere with the operation of the educational program.

The Board will not permit the conduct on school premises of any willful activity engaged in by an individual acting alone or by a group of individuals that interferes with the orderly operation of the educational program or offends the rights of others. The Board specifically prohibits any assembly or expression that materially disrupts instruction; is obscene, slanderous, or grossly prejudicial; advocates the use of dangerous or harmful materials; advocates the use of force or the violation of law or school rules; or advertises goods or services for unauthorized commercial gain.

Disorderly pupils will be disciplined in accordance with law and Board Policy No. 5600; staff members who assist pupils in disorderly conduct may be subject to disciplinary measures.

Illegal Acts Causing the Loss of Instructional Time

Individuals who commit the illegal acts of sounding false fire alarms or initiating bomb scares interrupt the teaching and learning process. Moreover, the person or persons who commit these criminal acts endanger the safety of our pupils, our faculty and staff, the police and fire personnel responding to the false alarms, the toddlers in our child development program, and the infants in the day care center. In order to preserve the integrity of our instructional program, when the evacuation of the building is caused by an illegal act, such as described above, and it is possible to resume classes within a reasonable time, then the following school day will be extended to approximately 3:40 P.M., since this is the earliest time that our buses can make a later than usual pick-up at the school. Every pupil will be required to attend the extended day. All sports and extracurricular activities will begin after the extended day is concluded. If classes can not be resumed, then pupils will be sent home and a make-up day will be scheduled for a vacation day or Saturday, if needed. We will activate the phone chain to advise you how the time will be made up.

The Board directs all staff members to attempt to resolve pupil conflict and dissent by reason and arbitration. Pupils who express dissent should be made aware of the lawful procedures available to them for the resolution of their grievances.



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The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the prompt resolution of any disorder that occurs on school premises. The building principal shall be responsible for the identification and resolution of disorders in any school building and may summon law enforcement officers as necessary.

N.J.S.A. 2C:12-3; 2C:33-1; 2C:33-2; 2C:33-8
N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:37-2
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