

Policy Guide

Policy No. 113.1Section PROGRAMSTitle DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITIESAdopted DECEMBER 13, 2016Last Revised JUNE 17, 2025

POLICY NO. 113.1 DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES		
Section 1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>The District shall develop and implement Positive Behavior Support Plans and programs for students with disabilities who require specific interventions to address behaviors that interfere with learning.</p> <p>Students with disabilities who violate the Code of Student Conduct, or engage in inappropriate behavior, disruptive or prohibited activities and/or actions injurious to themselves or others, which would typically result in corrective action or discipline of students without disabilities, shall be disciplined in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations and Board policy and, if applicable, their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Positive Behavior Support Plan.</p>	<p>22 PA Code 14.133 Pol. 113, 113.2</p> <p>22 PA Code 14.133, 14.143 34 CFR 300.530 Pol. 218, 233</p>
Section 2	<p><u>Definitions</u></p> <p>Students with disabilities – school-aged children within the jurisdiction of the District who have been evaluated and found to have one or more disabilities as defined by law, and who require, because of such disabilities, special education and related services.</p> <p>Suspensions from school – disciplinary exclusions from school for a period of one (1) to ten (10) consecutive school days.</p>	<p>Pol. 113</p> <p>22 PA Code 12.6 Pol. 233</p>

<p>Section 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POLICY NO. 113.1 DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES</p> <p>Expulsions from school – disciplinary exclusions from school by the Board for a period exceeding ten (10) consecutive school days and may include permanent exclusion from school.</p> <p>Interim alternative educational settings – removal of a student with a disability from the student’s current placement. Interim alternative educational settings may be used by school personnel for up to forty-five (45) school days for certain infractions committed by students with disabilities. The IEP team shall determine the interim alternative educational setting; however, this does not constitute a change in placement for a student with a disability.</p> <p>Manifestation of Disability – the behavior is caused by, or directly and substantially related to, the student’s disability.</p> <p><u>Authority</u></p> <p>The Board directs that the District shall comply with provisions and procedural safeguards of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and federal and state regulations when disciplining students with disabilities for violations of Board policy or district rules or regulations. No student with a disability shall be subjected to a disciplinary change in placement if the student’s particular misconduct is a manifestation of the student’s disability. However, under certain circumstances a student with a disability may be placed in an interim alternative educational setting by school personnel or the IEP team could, if appropriate, change the student’s educational placement to one which is more restrictive than the placement where the misconduct occurred.</p> <p><u>Provision Of Education During Disciplinary Exclusions</u></p> <p>During any period of expulsion, or suspension from school for more than ten (10) consecutive days in a year, or placement in an interim alternative educational setting for disciplinary reasons, a student with a disability shall continue to receive a free and public appropriate education (FAPE), in accordance with law.</p>	<p>22 PA Code 12.6 Pol. 233</p> <p>20 U.S.C. 1415 34 CFR 300.530</p> <p>22 PA Code 14.143 20 U.S.C. 1415 34 CFR 300.530</p> <p>22 PA Code 12.6 20 U.S.C. 1412 34 CFR 300.530</p>
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Section 4	<p style="text-align: center;">POLICY NO. 113.1 DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES</p>	
	<p><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p><u>Suspension From School</u></p> <p>A student with a disability may be suspended for ten (10) consecutive and fifteen (15) cumulative days of school per school year, for the same reasons and duration as a student without a disability. Such suspension shall not constitute a change in the student's educational placement.</p>	<p>22 PA Code 12.6, 14.143, 14.15 20 U.S.C. 1415 34 CFR 300.530, 300.536</p>
	<p><u>Changes In Educational Placement/Manifestation Determinations</u></p> <p>For disciplinary exclusions which constitute a change in educational placement, the District shall first determine whether the student's behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability. Expulsion, or exclusion from school for more than fifteen (15) cumulative days in a year, or patterns of suspensions for substantially identical behaviors constitute changes in educational placements requiring a manifestation determination. For students with intellectual disability, any disciplinary suspension or expulsion is a change in educational placement.</p> <p>A student with a disability whose behavior is not a manifestation of the student's disability may be disciplined in accordance with Board policy, district rules and regulations in the same manner and to the same extent as students without disabilities.</p>	<p>22 PA Code 14.143 34 CFR 300.530</p> <p>22 PA Code 14.143 34 CFR 300.530 Pol. 218, 233</p>
	<p><u>Appeals From Disciplinary Actions/Request For Hearing By District For Students Who Are A Danger To Themselves Or Others</u></p> <p>A due process hearing may be requested by a person in parental relation of a student with a disability who disagrees with a disciplinary placement or manifestation determination, or by the District if the District believes that the current placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or others. On person in parental relation appeal, or when the District requests a due process hearing, the hearing officer may return the student to the placement from which the student was removed or order the student's removal to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for up to forty-five (45) school days if the hearing officer determines that maintaining the student's current</p>	<p>20 U.S.C. 1415 34 CFR 300.532</p>

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