

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

STUDENT CONTROL AND THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. Introduction. Safe and orderly schools are crucial for creating the best environment for students to learn and excel.
2. Principal's Responsibility- School Safety and Student Discipline. Principals are responsible for ensuring the school is safe and orderly. Students are subject to the principal's control while being transported to or from school at public expense, while at school or attending a school-sponsored activity, and at all other times while on School Board property. Students who are privately transported to or from school or a school-related activity are not subject to school control while en route to or from school or the school-related activity.
3. Delegation of Authority. Principals shall delegate the responsibility and authority for the control and direction of students to members of the administration, instructional personnel, contract employees, and such other support staff, such as teacher aides and bus drivers, as necessary.
4. Annual Review. Annually, the principal shall review school discipline data with the school advisory council in developing school improvement plans to maintain a safe and healthy school environment that protects the civil rights of all students.
5. Student Code of Conduct. The School Board shall adopt a Student Code of Conduct ("Code") for elementary, middle, and high school students. The Code must include policies and specific grounds for disciplinary actions, such as in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and actions related to the possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances. It shall address the responsibilities and rights of students, including attendance, respect for persons and property, and participation in school programs.
 - a. The Code shall be distributed to all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents at the beginning of every school year. Each student shall sign a statement that he or she has received a copy of the Code.
 - b. The Code shall be discussed at the beginning of every school year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and parent and teacher association or organization meetings.
 - c. The Code must include consistent policies and specific grounds for disciplinary actions, such as in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and actions related to the possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances.

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6. Procedures and Guidelines. The Superintendent is authorized to enact procedures and guidelines to interpret and implement this rule.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41; 1001.42, F.S.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED:

**1001.43; 1003.04;
1003.31; 1003.32; 1006.07; 1006.08;
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