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Teacher Authority and Removal of Students from Classroom

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1. Introduction. Subject to law and to the rules of the School Board, each teacher or other member of the staff of any school shall have such authority for the control and discipline of students as may be assigned to him or her by the principal or the principal's designated representative and shall keep good order in the classroom and in other places in which he or she is assigned to be in charge of students.
2. Teacher Authority. In accordance with this rule and within the framework of the District Student Code of Conduct, teachers and other instructional personnel shall have the authority to undertake any of the following actions in managing student behavior and ensuring the safety of all students in their classes and school and their opportunity to learn in an orderly and disciplined classroom:
 - a. Establish classroom rules of conduct.
 - b. Establish and implement consequences, designed to change behavior, for infractions of classroom rules.
 - c. Have disobedient, disrespectful, violent, abusive, uncontrollable, or disruptive students removed from the classroom for behavior management intervention.
 - d. Have violent, abusive, uncontrollable, or disruptive students directed for information or assistance from appropriate school or District staff.
 - e. Assist in enforcing school rules on school property, during school-sponsored transportation, and during school-sponsored activities.
 - f. Request and receive information as to the disposition of any referrals to the administration for violation of classroom or school rules.
 - g. Request and receive immediate assistance in classroom management if a student becomes uncontrollable or in case of emergency.
 - h. Request and receive training and other assistance to improve skills in classroom management, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and related areas.
 - i. Press charges if there is a reason to believe that a crime has been committed on school property, during school-sponsored transportation, or during school-sponsored activities.
 - j. Use reasonable force, according to standards adopted by the State Board of Education, to protect himself or herself or others from injury.

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3. Removal of Student from Classroom. A teacher may remove a student from class whose behavior interferes with the teacher’s ability to effectively communicate with other students in the class or with the ability of the student’s classmates to learn. A teacher may recommend an appropriate consequence consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
4. Return of Student to Classroom. When a teacher removes a student from class, the principal will advise the teacher of how the student was disciplined. A disruptive student will not be returned to the classroom where the student exhibited the disruptive behavior until the teacher has been so advised. The teacher may request a conference with the principal and the student’s parents/guardian prior to the student being returned to the classroom.
5. Teacher Consent. The principal may not return a student who has been removed by a teacher from the teacher’s class without the teacher’s consent, unless the Placement Review Committee determines that such placement is the best or only available alternative. The teacher and Placement Review Committee must render decisions within five (5) working days of the removal of the student from the classroom.
6. Placement Review Committee. Each school shall establish one or more Placement Review Committees to determine if a student is to be returned to a teacher’s class after that student has been removed by the teacher and the teacher has withheld consent for that student to be returned to the teacher’s class.
 - a. Committee membership shall include the following:
 - i. Two (2) teachers, one (1) selected by the instructional staff of the school and one (1) selected by the teacher who has removed the student.
 - ii. One (1) member of the school staff selected by the principal.
 - iii. One (1) teacher selected by the instructional staff of the school to serve as an alternate member of the committee.
 - b. A teacher, who removed a student from class and who has withheld consent for the return of that student to class, shall not serve on the committee when the committee makes its decision regarding the return of the student.
 - c. The Placement Review Committee will be selected during pre-school planning. Each school’s faculty shall also determine the following during pre-school planning:
 - i. If a current school committee meets the criteria contained herein for the Placement Review Committee and if the faculty wishes that

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- committee to perform the duties of the Placement Review Committee.
- ii. The number of Placement Review Committees needed at each school.
 - iii. The terms of office of the members of the Placement Review Committee.
 - iv. The method the instructional staff will use in the selection of the Placement Review Committee members.
 - v. The appropriate form a teacher is to use to document the behavior which resulted in the teacher having the student removed from class.
7. Classroom Management Training. Any teacher who removes twenty-five percent (25%) of a total class enrollment shall be required to complete professional development to improve classroom management skills. Any required training under this provision shall be free of charge to the teacher.
8. Staff Duty to Report. Each teacher or other member of the staff of any school who knows or has reason to suspect that any person has committed, or has made a credible threat to commit, a crime of violence on school property or against school students or employees shall report such knowledge or suspicion in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute 1006.13. Each district school superintendent and each school principal shall fully support good faith reporting in accordance with the provisions of this subsection and Florida Statute 1006.13. Any person who makes a report required by this subsection in good faith shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for making the report.
9. Delegation of Authority. The Superintendent is authorized to enact procedures and guidelines to interpret and implement this rule.

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1001.41; 1001.42, F.S.

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