

# UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective career and technical education program requires a safe and orderly school environment.
2. Authority SC 1850.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103	The Joint Operating Committee shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the school during the time they are under the supervision of the school or at any time while on school property, while present at school-sponsored activities, and while traveling to or from school and school-sponsored activities.
Title 22 Sec. 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 Pol. 103, 235	The Joint Operating Committee shall adopt a Code of Student Conduct to govern student discipline, and students shall not be subject to disciplinary action because of race, gender, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin or handicap/disability. Each student must adhere to Joint Operating Committee policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline.
Title 22 Sec. 12.5	The Joint Operating Committee prohibits the use of corporal punishment to discipline students for violations of Joint Operating Committee policies and school rules and regulations.
Pol. 233	Any student disciplined by a school employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction.
Pol. 233	Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Joint Operating Committee Policy.



SC 1317	<p>Teaching staff and other school employees responsible for students shall have the authority to take reasonable actions necessary to control the conduct of students in all situations and in all places where students are within the jurisdiction of the Joint Operating Committee, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the school or threatens the health and safety of others.</p>
SC 1317	<p>Reasonable force may be used by teachers and school authorities under any of the following circumstances: to quell a disturbance, obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects, for the purpose of self-defense, and for the protection of persons or property.</p>
SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A	<p>When conduct so warrants, the building administrator shall, in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and the memorandum of understanding, contact the police department who has jurisdiction over the school's property.</p>
Pol. 805	<p>The memorandum of understanding shall provide procedures for local law enforcement response including, but not limited to, investigation of the incident, interrogation and custody of the student.</p>
	<p><u>Required Reports</u></p> <p>The Executive Director shall report to the Joint Operating Committee the methods of discipline imposed by administrators and incidences of student misconduct, in the degree of specificity required by the Joint Operating Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Director shall annually, by July 31, report to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form all new incidents that occurred on school property and involved conduct including, but not limited to, acts of violence, weapons, terroristic threats, controlled substances, alcohol or tobacco.</p> <p>The Executive Director shall annually, no later than July 1, submit the prepared Office of Safe Schools report to the police department with jurisdiction over the school building for review and comparison with police incident data. Discrepancies shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures outlined in the memorandum of understanding.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1317, 1318

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1 et seq. 403.1

No Child Left Behind Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7114

Joint Operating Committee Policy – 103, 122, 123, 218.1, 218.2, 222, 227,  
233, 235, 805