

**Discipline**

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) desires to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. SCOE believes that high expectations for student behavior, effective classroom management, and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline. Staff shall use preventative measures and positive conflict resolution techniques whenever possible.

SCOE policies and regulations shall delineate acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. Each school shall develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's individual needs.

When misconduct occurs, staff shall implement appropriate discipline and attempt to identify and address the causes of the student's behavior. Continually disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school in accordance with law, SCOE policy and administrative regulation. At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and without discrimination.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing classroom management skills and implementing effective disciplinary techniques.

**Site-Level Rules**

Each school shall review its site-level discipline rules at least every four years.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline.

Disciplinary strategies provided in SCOE policy, regulations, and law may be used in developing site-level rules. These strategies include but are not limited to:

1. Referral of the student for advice and counseling
2. Discussion or conference with parents/guardians
3. Recess restriction
4. Detention during and after school hours
5. Community service
6. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment
7. Removal from the class in accordance with policy, administrative regulation, and law
8. Suspension and expulsion

**Corporal Punishment** (Education Code [49001](#))

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student.

For purposes of this policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to property or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student.

Recess Restriction

A teacher may restrict a student's recess time when s/he believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior, subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under a certificated employee's supervision during the period of restriction.

Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day.

If a student will miss his/her school bus on account of being detained after school, or if the student is not transported by school bus, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs.

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of rules related to discipline.

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of the rules related to discipline to transfer students at the time of their enrollment.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 32280-32288 School safety plans
- 35146 Closed sessions
- 35291 Rules
- 35291.5-35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules
- 37223 Weekend classes
- 44807.5 Restriction from recess
- 48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion
- 48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians
- 49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment
- 49330-49335 Injurious objects

CIVIL CODE

- 1714.1 Parental liability for child's misconduct

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus
- 353 Detention after school

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan
- 3515 Campus Security
  - 3515.3 District Police/Security Department
  - 3515.4 Recovery for Property Loss or Damage
- 4131 Staff Development
- 4158 Employee Security
- 5020 Parent Rights and Responsibilities
- 5131 Conduct
  - 5131.1 Bus Conduct
  - 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
- 5136 Gangs
- 5137 Positive School Climate
  - 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
  - 5144.2 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)
- 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
- 5145.6 Parental Notifications
- 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior
- 6020 Parent Involvement
- 6158 Independent Study
  - 6159.4 Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students
- 6164.2 Guidance/Counseling Services
- 6164.5 Student Success Teams
- 6181 Alternative Schools
- 6184 Continuation Education
- 6185 Community Day School