

## CHAPTER 5.00 - STUDENTS

### STUDENT CONTROL

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All students enrolled in school shall be subject to the laws, regulations of the State Board of Education, the rules and policies of the School Board and the *Code of Student Conduct* and shall be under the control and direction of the principal or designee during the time they are transported to or from school at public expense, during the time they are attending school or a school-sponsored activity, and during the time they are on School Board premises for school attendance and authorized activities.

- I. The principal or the principal's designated representative shall see that students are properly supervised during school hours and during any school-sponsored activity.
- II. The teacher, other members of the instructional staff, or bus driver shall assume such authority for the control and supervision of students as may be assigned by the principal or the principal's designated representative and shall keep good order in the classroom or other places when in charge of students.
  - A. No student may be suspended from school, from school bus transportation or from class, except as provided by law and the policies of the Board. The decision remains the responsibility of the principal and/or the principal's designee to suspend a student.
  - B. No student shall be suspended for unexcused absence, tardiness, or truancy unless otherwise provided in the Code of Student Conduct.
  - C. Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the Sarasota County School System.
- III. This policy shall not apply to students while they are being transported to or from school by private citizens.
- IV. The *Code of Student Conduct* for elementary, middle, high school, adult and post-secondary schools is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. The Code of Student Conduct and any revisions shall be approved and adopted by the School Board annually. The Code of Student Conduct shall
  - A. State grounds for disciplinary action procedures and the rights of students.
  - B. Be distributed to all teachers, school personnel, students, and students' parent(s), as defined by Florida Statutes, at the beginning of each school year.
  - C. Be filed in the Superintendent's office.
- V. The *Code of Student Conduct* shall be discussed with students, staff, school advisory committees, and parent/teacher associations at the beginning of each year.

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- VI. Any School Board decision shall prevail even when it conflicts with the *Code of Student Conduct*. The decision will prevail until revisions to the Code are adopted.
- VII. The principal shall use the *Code of Student Conduct* to familiarize students with School Board policies relating to students' rights, responsibilities, and conduct at the beginning of each school year and whenever he/she deems it necessary.

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Refer to: District Student and Family Handbook