

JK © STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Superintendent shall recommend policies and develop procedures for the discipline of students that comply with A.R.S. 15-843. These policies and procedures will apply to all students traveling to, attending, and returning from school, and while visiting another school or at a school-sanctioned activity, or in any other situation in which the District may lawfully exercise its authority to discipline a student. When suspension or expulsion is involved, notice, hearing, and appeal procedures shall conform to applicable legal requirements.

The discipline, suspension and expulsion of students shall not be based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry or any other unlawful reason. A substantial or deliberate failure to comply with the prohibition against race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry may subject the District to the loss of funds imposed by A.R.S. 15-843.

The principal of each District school shall ensure that a copy of all rules pertaining to discipline, suspension, and expulsion of students are distributed to each student's parents at the time the student enrolls in school each year.

Disciplinary actions taken will be recorded in an administrative log, and all types of suspensions or expulsions will be recorded in a separate file for each student.

Temporary Removal

Teachers are authorized to temporarily remove a student from a class. A teacher may temporarily remove a student to the principal, or to a person designated by the school administrator, in accord with:

- A. Rules established for the referral of students.
- B. The conditions of A.R.S. 15-841, when applicable.

The Superintendent shall establish such rules as are necessary to implement the temporary removal procedure.

Confinement

Under A.R.S. 15-843, the Superintendent shall ensure that disciplinary policies involving the confinement of students left alone in an enclosed space shall include the following:

- A. A process for prior written parental notification that confinement may be used for disciplinary purposes that is included in the student's enrollment packet or admission form.

- B. A process for written parental consent before confinement is allowed for any student in the School District. The policies shall provide for an exemption to prior written parental consent if a school principal or teacher determines that the student poses imminent physical harm to self or others. The school principal or teacher shall make reasonable attempts to notify the student's parent or guardian in writing by the end of the same day that confinement was used.

Schools are not prohibited from adopting policies which include procedures for the reasonable use of physical force by certificated or support staff personnel in self-defense, defense of others and defense of property (A.R.S. 15-843, subsection b, paragraph 3.)

Threatened an Educational Institution

Threatened an educational institution means to interfere with or disrupt an educational institution as found in A.R.S. 15-841 and 13-2911. A student who is determined to have threatened an educational institution shall be expelled from school for at least one (1) year except that the District may modify this expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-case basis and may reassign a student subject to expulsion to an alternative education program if the student participates in mediation, community service, restitution or other programs in which the student takes responsibility for the results of the threat. The District may require the student's parent(s) to participate in mediation, community service, restitution or other programs with the student as a condition to the reassignment of the student to an alternative education program.

Behavior Management and Discipline of Students with Special Needs

The Superintendent shall oversee a collaborative process for the identification, description, and monitoring of best practices for behavioral management and discipline of special needs students. The practices shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. authorized and prohibited disciplinary methods,
- B. recommended and required training for special education program teachers and aides, and
- C. requirements for conveying notice of disciplinary measures taken.

Adopted:

LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 13-403 *et seq.*
 13-2911
 15-105
 15-341
 15-342

15-841
15-842
15-843
15-844

CROSS REF.: GBEB - Staff Conduct
JIC - Student Conduct
JKA - Corporal Punishment
JKD - Student Suspension
JKE - Expulsion of Students
JLDB – Restraint and Seclusion