

**CAPITAL AREA
SCHOOL FOR THE
ARTS CHARTER
SCHOOL (CASA
CHARTER SCHOOL)**

SECTION:	PUPILS
TITLE:	STUDENT DISCIPLINE
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	218. STUDENT DISCIPLINE
1. Purpose	The Capital Area School for the Arts Board of Trustees (Board) finds that student conduct is closely related to learning. An effective educational program requires a safe and orderly school environment.
2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3, 12.4	The Board shall establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding the conduct of all students in the charter 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	The Board 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 Board policies and the Code of Student Conduct governing student discipline
Title 22 Sec. 12.5	The Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment by charter school staff to discipline students for violations of Board policies and charter school rules and regulations. Any student disciplined by a charter school employee shall have the right to notice of the infraction.
Policy 233	Suspensions and expulsions shall be carried out in accordance with Board policy. <u>Off-Campus Activities</u> This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist: 1. The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from

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school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via charter school furnished transportation.

2. The student is member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3. Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4. The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.
5. The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.
6. There is otherwise a nexus between proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Principal shall ensure that reasonable and necessary rules and regulations are developed to implement Board policy governing student conduct..

Title 22
Sec. 12.3

The Principal shall publish to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules and regulations for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Conduct, the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules, and a listing of students' rights and responsibilities. A copy of the Code of Student Conduct shall be available in the school office and on the web site.

SC 1317, 1318

The Principal shall have the authority to assign discipline to students, subject to the applicable policies, rules and regulations of the charter school and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.

SC 1317

Teaching staff and other charter 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 this Board, and when such conduct interferes with the educational program of the school or threatens the health and safety of others.

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 1303-A</p>	<p>When conduct so warrants, the Principal 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> <p><u>Required Reports</u></p> <p>The Principal shall report to the Board the methods of discipline imposed by staff and incidences of student misconduct, in the degree of specificity required by the Board.</p> <p>The Principal 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 Principal shall annually, no later than July 1, submit the prepared Office of Safe Schools report to the police department with jurisdiction over the facility for review and comparison with police incident data. Discrepancies shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures outlined in the memorandum of understanding.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code -24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1303-A, 1317, 1318, Article XVII-A</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations -22 PA Code Sec. 12.2, et seq.</p>
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