

Policy

CAMPUS DISTURBANCES

It is the right of every pupil to go to and from school, and to obtain an education in the schools, without fear of molestation, physical or verbal. The Board of Education hereby states that it will take such measures as are necessary, including suspension, permanent expulsion, or prosecution in the courts, against any person, pupil or other, who so interferes with the education of others.

The Board of Education therefore makes it clear that it will support teachers and other staff members who report violations of the school regulations, or violations of their own orders, because such violations do interfere with the rights of others. The disruption of the educational program of the schools by disorder or any other purposeful activity will not be tolerated. The Board of Education will prosecute any unauthorized person who enters upon school property.

For purposes of this policy, disorder shall be any deliberate activity by an individual or a group, whether peaceful or violent, which interferes with the normal operation of the school.

The Board, having the responsibility for providing an educational program for the pupils of this district, shall have the authority to preserve order for the proper functioning of that program.

No pupil shall encourage any other pupil on or off school property to participate in any protest, march, picketing, or similar activities which cause or result in the disruption of any lawful function or activity of the school to which he is assigned or any other school in the Paulsboro School System.

Pupils shall not be disturbed in the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed rights to assemble peaceably and to express ideas and opinions, privately or publicly, provided that such exercise does not infringe on the rights of others and does not interfere with the operation of the schools.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:25-2 Authority over pupils
 N.J.S.A. 18A:37-4 Suspension of pupils

Cross References: 5114 Suspension and expulsion/pupil due process
 5131 Conduct/Discipline
 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
 5131.5 Vandalism & Violence