

# Benton County Board of Education

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1 The Board of Education believes that acceptable behavior is an essential ingredient of effective educa-  
2 tion programs. It expects students to conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect favorably upon  
3 themselves, their families, their community, and their school.  
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5 The professional staff is expected to foster student conduct which allows for an acceptable learning atmo-  
6 sphere both in and outside the classroom and to help students develop self-discipline and self-direction.  
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8 To this end, the staff is authorized to take reasonable measures to establish appropriate school behavior.  
9 Any professional employee shall have the authority to control any student's conduct while under the  
10 supervision of the school system.<sup>1</sup> This authority to control student conduct shall extend to all activities  
11 of the school, including all games and public performances of athletic teams and other school groups,  
12 trips, excursions, and all other activities under school sponsorship and direction.  
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14 Such measures may include the use of reasonable force to restrain or correct students and maintain order.  
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16 A three-stage analysis of consequences is adequate to protect both the students' rights and the school's  
17 expectation of an orderly environment where education can flourish.  
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## 19 **STAGE ONE**

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21 The first stage to be imposed by the teacher or principal, involves minor offenses for which the conse-  
22 quences might include, but not limited to, the following:  
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- 24 1. Warning or showing disapproval of student actions;
- 25 2. Restricting activities;
- 26 3. Requiring special assignments;
- 27 4. Assigning work details;
- 28 5. Temporary removal from class in a time-out room;
- 29 6. Issuance of demerits that might affect citizenship;
- 30 7. Behavior modification activities;
- 31 8. Denial of class privileges;
- 32 9. Corporal punishment (Policy 6.314); and
- 33 10. Requirement of restitution.  
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## 35 **STAGE TWO**

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37 The second stage or consequence is to be imposed by the school principal and is reserved for those prob-  
38 lems that the teachers cannot control within the realm of their classroom authority. Such consequences  
39 might include, but are not limited to, the following:  
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- 41 1. In-school suspension;

- 1 2. Detention before or after school;
- 2 3. Suspension from school-sponsored activities or from riding a school bus;
- 3 4. Suspension less than ten (10) days;
- 4 5. Corporal punishment (Policy 6.314);
- 5 6. Restricting the honors the student is otherwise due;
- 6 7. Prohibiting the student's attendance at school functions;
- 7 8. Demanding restitution for lost, damaged, or stolen property; and
- 8 9. Prosecution to the fullest extent of criminal and civil law.

10 **STAGE THREE**

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12 The final and most severe consequences that can be imposed upon a student are the following:

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- 14 1. Suspend the student out of school for a period exceeding ten (10) days; or
- 15 2. Expel the student; or
- 16 3. Other disciplinary action that may be determined by the Disciplinary Hearing Authority.

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18 The principal may refer a student to the Disciplinary Committee at any stage, and shall make such  
19 referral for Stage Three.

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22 **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:**

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- 24 1. A student who has charges pending against him or her in juvenile or other courts will appear
- 25 before the At-Risk Committee or Discipline Hearing Authority.
- 26 2. A principal shall not impose successive short term suspensions that cumulatively exceed ten (10)
- 27 days for the same offense.<sup>2</sup>
- 28 3. A teacher or other school official shall not reduce or authorize the reduction of a student's grade
- 29 because of discipline problems except in deportment or citizenship.
- 30 4. A student shall not be denied the passing of a course or grade promotion solely on the basis of
- 31 failure to:
  - 32 a. pay any activity fee;
  - 33 b. pay a library or other school fine; or
  - 34 c. make restitution for lost or damaged school property.

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38 Legal Reference:  
39 1. TCA 49-6-4012 - 4015  
40 2. TCA 49-6-3007(h)

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Cross References:  
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316