

**Policy**

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CAMPUS DISTURBANCES

The Passaic Board of Education has the authority to preserve order to ensure the proper functioning of the educational program. Disruptive protests, walkouts, and demonstrations shall be forbidden in the schools. The staff shall make all reasonable attempts to preserve order and maintain the regular educational processes.

Students 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.

Any disturbance by students that interferes with the normal course of school activities shall be met with disciplinary action commensurate with the gravity of the disturbance and in accordance with board policy 5131 Code of Student Conduct.

Campus disturbances that interfere with the educational processes shall be reported to the principal and superintendent, immediately. The principal shall make a reasonable attempt to resolve the problem. This may include:

- A. Conferring with individual students speaking on behalf of the assembly;
- B. Seeking assistance from other appropriate school personnel;
- C. Negotiation and arbitration.

The superintendent or his/her designee shall give support, guidance, direction and assistance to each building in order to protect the safety of students and staff members and to prevent destruction of public property in the event of a campus disorder.

If attempts by the principal to resolve the problem fail and the disturbance continues, the superintendent may declare school closed for the day in accordance with board policy 6114 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness. The superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that students have safely exited the campus by means of approved transportation and that no additional students are scheduled to arrive.

If the disturbance jeopardizes the safety or welfare of students, staff, the community or school property, the local police shall be alerted. The school shall remain closed and secured until the police verify that the disorder has dissipated, the violators have been subdued and safety has been restored.

CAMPUS DISTURBANCES (continued)

The superintendent shall report the occurrence and disposition of each instance of student disorder/disturbance to the board.

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Key Words

Campus Disturbance, Student Disorder, Riot

**Legal References:**

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| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:33-1   | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:12-3 Terroristic threats   |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:33-2   | Riot; failure to disperse   |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:33-2.1 | Disorderly conduct  |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:33-8   | Public place defined; loitering to obtain or distribute CDS is a disorderly persons offense |
| <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:37-2  | Disrupting meetings and processions   |
|                           | Causes for suspension and expulsion   |

**Possible****Cross References:**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 3517          | Security  |
| *3541.33      | Transportation safety   |
| *4131/4131.1  | Staff development; inservice education/visitation conferences |
| *4231/ 4231.1 | Staff development; inservice education/visitation conferences |
| *5020         | Role of parents/guardians                                     |
| *5113         | Absences and excuses  |
| *5114         | Suspension and expulsion                                      |
| *5124         | Reporting to parents/guardians                                |
| *5127         | Commencement activities                                       |
| *5131.5       | Vandalism/violence  |
| *5131.6       | Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)                     |
| *5131.7       | Weapons and dangerous instruments                             |
| 5132          | Dress and grooming  |
| *5145.4       | Equal educational opportunity                                 |
| *5145.6       | Student grievance procedure                                   |
| *5145.11      | Questioning and apprehension                                  |
| *5145.12      | Search and seizure  |
| *6145         | Extracurricular activities                                    |
| *6164.4       | Child study team  |
| *6171.4       | Special education   |
| *6172         | Alternative educational programs                              |

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.