

DISCIPLINE/PUNISHMENT

The Holmdel Township Board of Education strives to ensure that the physical and mental health, safety, and welfare of pupils in its schools will be protected, and an orderly environment, conducive to learning, be maintained. Pupils shall conduct themselves in keeping with their level of maturity and act with due regard for the educational purposes underlying all school activities, for school property, and for the rights and welfare of other pupils. Any disruption to the educational environment necessitates that pupils will be subject to the consequences of their misbehavior in accordance with established discipline policy.

No staff member shall administer corporal punishment to a pupil nor use more force than necessary to:

- A. Quell a disturbance which threatens physical injury to others;
- B. Obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects which a pupil has in his/her control;
- C. Defend himself/herself; and/or
- D. Protect persons or property.

The authority of any administrator, teacher, or other board of education employee shall extend over every pupil in every part of the school property, on school vehicles at any time, and at all school functions, regardless of location, whether or not school is in session or whether he/she has direct responsibility for the pupil. When necessary, pupils shall be turned over to civil and/or law enforcement authorities having jurisdiction for specific violations of the law.

Parents/guardians shall be expected to guide and direct their children toward standards of good conduct in the total school environment, as well as to cooperate with school officials in preventive and corrective disciplinary measures for their children. Principals and teachers shall afford parents/guardians adequate opportunities to work with school staff in helping, supporting, and modifying the behavior of pupils.

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Each school principal, in cooperation with appropriate staff, shall develop an appropriate discipline code for his/her school. All codes shall be reviewed by the Superintendent and published annually for students, parents, staff and others in handbooks and school manuals. These discipline codes shall include, but not be limited to such actions as:

- tardiness;
- truancy;
- cutting class or missing from an assigned location;
- leaving school without permission;
- physical and/or verbal abuse;
- classroom disruption,
- harassment;
- hazing;
- disrespectful behavior to school personnel;
- cheating;
- willful disobedience/defiance of authority;
- possession of a paging device;
- vandalism;
- theft;
- fighting/assault;
- smoking;
- possession, use, influence, sale of alcohol or other drug(s);
- possession, use, sale of fireworks;
- false alarms;
- weapons.

Discipline measures, in response to the above actions, shall range from admonishment to expulsion in accordance with Board of Education policy and school procedures as well as state and federal law and regulation. Due process shall be followed in all situations.

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Legal References:	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:6-1	Corporal punishment of pupils
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:25-2	Authority over pupils
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:37-1	Submission of pupils to authority
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:37-2	Causes for suspension or expulsion of pupils
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:37-4	Suspension of pupils by teacher or principal
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:37-5	Continuation of suspension; reinstatement or expulsion
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:28-2.8	Disciplinary action
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-9	Drugs and alcohol

New Jersey State Board of Education Resolution, September 3, 1980, encourages development of local written policy on pupil conduct.

New Jersey State Board of Education Resolution, September 4, 1985, urges boards to consider expectations for pupil behavior developed by statewide advisory panel, and to develop and adopt appropriate expectations of behavior for district pupils.

Possible

Cross References:	1410	Local units
	4119.24	Staff/pupil relations
	5113	Absences and excuses
	5114	Suspension and expulsion/pupil due process
	5131	Conduct
	5131.1	Bus conduct
	5131.2	Classrooms, hall and grounds conduct

