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Teacher Removal of Students From Class

The Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-276.2, provides for the initial authority of a teacher to remove a student from class for disruptive behavior. Further, the Code defines disruptive behavior as a "violation of school board regulations governing student conduct that interrupts or obstructs the learning environment."

The Prince William County School Board considers the teacher's removal of a student from class an appropriate response to student behavior if the following criteria are met:

- the student's behavior violates school board regulations governing student conduct or the Code of Behavior;
- removal is necessary to restore a learning environment free from interruptions or obstructions caused by the student's behavior; and
- such action occurs only after teacher and/or administrative interventions have failed to end the student's disruptive behavior.

Application of this criteria to students with disabilities shall be in accordance with state and federal law and regulation.

Staff in each school shall collaboratively develop a discipline plan that includes the 1) conditions that must exist for a student to be removed from class; 2) requirements for incident reporting and written referral to an administrator; 3) procedures for the written notification of the student's parent(s), including contents of the referral form, and the offer of the opportunity to meet with the teacher and school administrators to discuss the student's behavior and the possible consequences if such behavior does not cease; 4) guidelines for the alternative assignment and instruction of such students and for the duration of such removals; and 5) procedures for the return of students to class, for teacher participation in any decision by the principal to return a student to the class from which the student has been removed, and for the resolution of any disagreements between the principal and teacher regarding such.

This policy shall not be construed to limit or restrict other Prince William County School Board policies and regulations related to suspension and expulsion.

Legal Reference:

Code of Virginia, Section 22.1-276.2. Removal of students from classes

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