

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

## **Student Discipline**

The Board of Directors recognizes that, on occasion, a student will engage in behavior that is not conducive to a positive school climate and that interferes with the ability to teach and learn.

In keeping with the District's commitment to provide the best possible education for each child, the Board hereby adopts a disciplinary process that emphasizes the need to teach students to make better choices.

Immediate intervention is the first step in preventing the continuation of unacceptable behavior. In cases where a student ignores the immediate intervention and continues to be defiant, appropriate consequences become essential in the teaching of the need to make better choices. Consequences should be in proportion to the misbehavior, should be fair and dignified, and should be administered in good temper. Consequences should not be humiliating, hurtful or exclusionary.

The District shall operate a student detention program. A student may be issued a detention notice for inappropriate behavior. A detention notice will require the student to attend an after school detention session.

Physical force and corporal punishment shall not be used as disciplinary methods. When deemed necessary, a reasonable amount of force, not to cause bodily injury or extraordinary pain, may be used to remove a student from the scene of the disturbance.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 4009  
M.D.O.E. Chapter 125 §23.B.5.L

Cross Reference: JK-R Student Disciplinary Process  
JKB Detention of Students

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