

# POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY  
VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Somerset County Vocational & Technical Schools Board of Education believes that the conduct of pupils in school should enable pupils to derive the greatest benefits from the educational program offered by this Board. Pupils should learn to assume responsibility for their own behavior and the consequences of their actions. Discipline constitutes learning and observing these rules.

A well-mannered student body:

1. Creates an atmosphere in which learning, study, and work can proceed best;
2. Prevents damage to school equipment and community property;
3. Makes all students aware that in our society, the individual must take the responsibility for his/her actions;
4. Sets reasonable regulating principles, while developing self-discipline; and
5. Protects students and Board employees from physical danger that may be generated by certain pupil activities.

Good discipline cultivates inner growth, understanding, and self-governance. Disciplinary procedures employed by the schools, in order to be truly effective, must be supported and reinforced by parents or guardians and understood by pupils.

Disciplinary procedures must be uniform for all pupils, clearly stated, and be available to all parties concerned; pupils, parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) and Board of Education employees.

The discipline of an educationally disabled pupil must consider his or her educational disability and educational needs. An educationally disabled pupil may not be disciplined if the pupil's behavior is primarily caused by the pupil's educational disability or if the program provided does not meet the pupil's educational needs.

It is the duty of any employee of the Board to question the deviant conduct of any pupil. In cases in which students believe that they have been unjustly treated, they will have recourse through the office of the next highest administrator to appeal the matter.



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A pupil whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, may be suspended or expelled, following due process.

The Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools shall strive to ensure the physical and mental health, safety and welfare of all pupils in attendance, and the maintenance of an atmosphere conducive to learning. Pupil behavior that is inimical to these purposes, the public interest, and individual rights of school personnel and pupils will be dealt with through administrative and legal channels. In no case will a pupil be denied the procedural due process guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:36-25.1; 18A:25-2; 18A:36-19a; 18A:37-1 et seq.  
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.

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## 5610 SUSPENSION

A. Pupils who indulge in disruptive behavior may be suspended or expelled. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to:

1. Continued and willful disobedience;
2. Open defiance of the authority of any teacher or person having authority over him/her;
3. Actions that constitute a continuing danger to the physical well being of other pupils;
4. Physical assault upon another pupil;

