

POLICY TITLE: <b>STUDENT DISCIPLINE</b>		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/1990	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED: 7/21/14	MOST RECENTLY REAFFIRMED: 04/10/2017
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY Students		

### I. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the position and philosophy of the Board regarding student discipline.

### II. **DEFINITION**

- A. **Expulsion:** Means the exclusion of the student from the student's regular school program for 45 school days or longer.
- B. **Suspension:** Means the exclusion of a student from the student's regular program for a designated period of school days.
- C. **Student Misconduct:** Any act or omission by a student while under the control or supervision of HCPS or at other times in accordance with Section III. B. below, which violates, Board policies, Harford County Public School Student Disciplinary Procedures, Harford County Public School procedures generally, school rules; or, violates criminal law; or, would violate criminal law had the student been an adult.

### III. **Statement of Policy**

- A. The Board commits to an approach to the discipline of students who have committed acts of misconduct which:
  - 1. maintains order, safety and discipline necessary for effective learning;
  - 2. fosters, teaches and acknowledges positive behavior;
  - 3. keeps students connected to school so they may graduate and be career ready;

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4. allows for discretion in imposing discipline;
  5. addresses ways in which educational and counseling needs of a suspended student may be met;
  6. uses expulsion and suspension as discipline when other disciplinary actions have been used without success or would be insufficient given the nature and extent of the misconduct in question.
- B. Acts of students which occur when students are not subject to the control and supervision of Harford County Public Schools including acts occurring off campus, shall be subject to discipline if such acts reasonably could or have jeopardized the safety of any member of the school community or the school environment or disrupted the educational process.
- C. The Superintendent shall issue such procedures as may be required to implement this policy.

### **Board Approval Acknowledged By:**

  
Barbara P. Canavan, Superintendent  
Board of Education of Harford County

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### **LEGAL REFERENCES<sup>1</sup>**

All references are set forth in the Policy.

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<sup>1</sup> All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.