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Detention

For minor infractions of school rules or regulations, or for minor misconduct, staff may detain students. Any of these infractions may result in detention.

Preceding the assessment of such punishment, the staff member shall inform the student of the nature of the offense charged, and/or the specific conduct that allegedly constitutes the violation. The student shall be afforded an opportunity to explain or justify his or her actions to the staff member.

Students detained for corrective action shall be under the supervision of the staff member or designee.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the necessity of fair and judicious rules and guidelines to aid in the positive conduct of students resulting in the benefit of all students. As described herein, the Board authorizes the principal or designee of any school to detain any student for disciplinary reasons or for other conduct disruptive of good order or of the instructional effectiveness of the school. It is intended that this policy is to cover the students entire contact with the school system. This would include, but not be limited to, all school district provided transportation and time on any campus which includes the regular school day as well as school sponsored activities.

For the purposes of this policy, detention means the school confinement of any student for disciplinary reasons. Detention shall be part of the requirement of school attendance by the student. Grounds for detention are defined as the commission of any act while the student is engaged in any school activity or is on school grounds, not amounting to a felony or misdemeanor, which violates any duly adopted written discipline policy of the Board of Trustees, or any written discipline policy of the superintendent or principal of any school. Any of these acts may result in detention. Any second or subsequent commission of such an act may result in suspension. The penalty should be one which gives options to the student and builds responsibility in the student.

To apply this policy to the student the principal will explain the policy infraction and the consequences fully to the student. The student will have an opportunity to explain their actions. If it is determined that the student should be placed in detention the principal may apply detention by:

1. Requiring the student to serve in-school suspension with the student making up work missed while out of the classroom.
2. Requiring the student to serve after school detention with the student having additional responsibility for work (make up or additional) at the discretion of the teacher consistent with the infraction.
3. Requiring the student, if they are in secondary school, to participate in Saturday School with student bringing work as may be required for the class or being required to do additional work as may be assigned by the Saturday School instructor in the absence of accompanying class work.

In the event detention is to take place after school or on a Saturday, notice shall be provided to the student's parent or legal guardian prior to the detention occurring and arranged cooperatively, if possible, with the parent or legal guardian. If the detention takes place during school hours, written notice of the student's policy infractions and of the detention shall be provided to the student's parent or guardian. Students detained for corrective action or punishment shall be under the supervision of the staff member or designee.

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