

DISCIPLINE

Each school in the diocese shall establish a policy in regard to discipline. The administrator in consultation with the faculty shall be responsible for developing the Discipline Code for the school and publishing it in the parent/student handbook. *cf. A-421, P-CDOP*

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The purpose of discipline in the Catholic schools is to facilitate or promote a sense of moral responsibility in students and to maintain an environment conducive to learning. Discipline is administered in ways designed to meet this twofold goal. Undue harshness as well as undue leniency shall be avoided. Consistency, balanced with individual circumstances, shall be sought.

The policy shall be specific enough to give the administration a sense of where the pastor or pastor's board stands on discipline but shall be broad enough to allow for administrative discretion. It may address the philosophy of discipline or principles about the kind of student behavior expected or the kinds of discipline measures to be used.

Specific policies may be needed in special instances, such as drugs or alcohol abuse or when addressing suspension or permanent dismissal, but policy shall not be confused with administrative regulation or a discipline code/specific procedures.

The discipline code is developed by the administrator with teacher input. Parent input is also encouraged. After the local educational commission/board is consulted, and it is confirmed by the pastor/pastors' board, the code is published in the parent/student and faculty handbooks. The discipline policies, procedures, and/or code shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

If a student is given an out-of-school suspension it is considered unexcused. If they are serving an in-school suspension they are marked as present, but excused, and are responsible for completing school work while in the suspension.