

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT FIGHTING

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218.1. STUDENT FIGHTING	
1. Purpose	This policy and the accompanying procedures address student fighting in the Middletown Area School District.
2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3	In order to preserve the degree of order necessary for a safe and orderly educational atmosphere, students will not be permitted to fight. This policy applies to student conduct that occurs on school property and from the time a student leaves home for school, until the student arrives home after school dismissal.
3. Guidelines	<p>Fighting is classified as follows:</p> <p>Altercation is an argument between students with minimal physical confrontation. The principal may at his/her discretion report the information and summon the police. Depending on the severity of the altercation, students are disciplined through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Time out. 2. In-school suspension. 3. Up to three (3) days out-of-school suspension. 4. For second or subsequent violations of the policy, out-of-school suspension or possible expulsion. <p>Fight is when students gather, punches are thrown with the intent to harm, and the incident has to be quelled. Students are disciplined through an out-of-school suspension up to ten (10) days with possible expulsion. The principal may at his/her discretion report the information and summon the police. The Superintendent will be notified of the incident.</p>

Assault is a student physically attacking another student, causing bodily harm or injury. Student is disciplined through out-of-school suspension up to ten (10) days with possible expulsion. Police will be called, and students will be subject to criminal prosecution. The Superintendent will be notified of the incident.

Assault With A Weapon is a student attacking another student with a gun, knife or like instrument with the intent to cause harm. Student will be disciplined through an out-of-school suspension up to ten (10) days with a recommendation for expulsion. Police will be called, and students will be subject to criminal prosecution. The Superintendent will be notified of the incident.

In the case of an exceptional student, the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3