

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
STUDENT DISCIPLINE	SECTION 403
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403 Student Discipline

The board believes that a self-disciplined student is best able to participate and contribute to a good learning environment. This requires cooperation and understanding between home and school. Firm, caring, and consistent treatment of the child by adults in both places is important.

Corrective actions to discipline problems must be taken in a sensitive and positive way. Teachers and principals should indicate that such behaviors impinge on the rights of others, make learning difficult, and must be changed. The student must not be rejected. Rather, the student should be advised that a mistake has been made and that the school wants to provide interventions and support the student to redirect his or her actions in a positive and constructive direction.

No matter how effective a disciplinary program may be, violations of the rules do occur. Staff responses are necessary and should be appropriate to the specific behavior. The school administrator has responsibility for investigating the matter and taking action based upon his knowledge of the facts and the needs of the student. The listing of minimum and maximum disciplinary action does not imply or require a "step-by-step" progression of increasing severity.