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Student Discipline and Physical Activity

It is the policy of the Board of Education to promote the health and well-being of District students by encouraging healthy lifestyles including promoting physical exercise and activity as part of the school day.

Prohibition on Deprivation of Physical Exercise Period as a Form of Discipline

For elementary school students, the Board includes a time of not less than twenty (20) minutes in total, during the regular school day, to be devoted to physical exercise. The Board prohibits school employees from disciplinary elementary school students by preventing them from participating in the entire time devoted to physical exercise during the regular day.

Definition

For the purposes of this policy, a “school employee” is defined as (1) a teacher, substitute teacher, school administrator, school superintendent, guidance counselor, psychologist, social worker, nurse, physician, school paraprofessional or coach employed by the Board or working in the District school, or (2) any other individual who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular contact with students and who provides services to or on behalf of enrolled in the District schools pursuant to a contract with the Board.

Any employee who fails to comply with the requirements of this policy may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment. Any contracted individual who provides services to or on behalf of students enrolled in the District and who fails to comply with the requirements of this policy may be subject to having his/her contract for services suspended by the District.

Legal References

Connecticut General Statutes 10-2221 Lunch periods Recess
Public Act 13-173, “An Act Concerning Childhood Obesity and Physical Exercise in the Schools”

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