

DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT WALKOUTS/
DEMONSTRATIONS/RELATED
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority Pol. 220</p> <p>3. Guidelines Pol. 218</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">220.1. STUDENT WALKOUTS/DEMONSTRATIONS/ RELATED STUDENT ACTIVITIES</p> <p>The Board believes that student walkouts or unauthorized student demonstrations threaten to materially or substantially interfere with school activities, school work, discipline and order in the school. Therefore, the Board believes it necessary and appropriate to establish rules and regulations regarding student walkouts and demonstrations.</p> <p>Students are prohibited from materially or substantially interfering with the educational process by engaging in activities such as demonstrations, walkouts, or leaving the classroom except when appropriately authorized. Excluded from this policy are assemblages permitted under the law and such freedom of expression as permitted by law, regulation and Board policy.</p> <p><u>Students</u></p> <p>Student participation in, organization of, or incitement to a student walkout and/or demonstration shall be deemed as material or substantial interference with school activities, school work, discipline and order of the school. Any student who violates this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action as provided in Board policy.</p> <p><u>Professional Staff</u></p> <p>It shall be the obligation of the professional employee to, as soon as possible, advise the supervising administrator if the employee believes that a student walkout or demonstration is planned or being discussed. The employee shall also advise the immediate supervising administrator if any discussion reasonably leads that employee to believe that student unrest may result in a student walkout or demonstration.</p>
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<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 317, 417</p>	<p><u>Administration</u></p> <p>Building level administrators, upon receipt of information regarding student walkouts or demonstrations from the professional staff or any other source shall, as soon as possible, document the information and immediately advise the Superintendent of the information and the likelihood of any student demonstrations or walkouts. If it is determined that a student walkout or demonstration is being planned or discussed, the building level administrator shall confront the students in question, ensure that the students are aware of this policy and attempt to defuse the demonstration and/or walkout. Any such information disseminated to the students shall be immediately documented and provided to the Superintendent. In the event a demonstration or walkout appears imminent, the administration shall advise the staff of the possible walkout and take all appropriate measures to prevent such walkout or demonstration. The administration shall also advise the students of the district’s policy regarding such acts. The administration shall also advise the local police authorities of the possibility of a student walkout so as to minimize any activities which would violate applicable Pennsylvania statutes or threaten the health, safety or welfare of the students or others.</p> <p>For the purposes of this policy, appropriate measures shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the administration affording the students the opportunity to discuss the issues in hopes of determining where the problem areas exist and for there to be some response from the administration. Whenever possible, resources including the Building Administrator, Superintendent, and Board members may be utilized in this regard. Once discussion has closed, the students will then be directed back into their classrooms.</p> <p>The professional staff and administrators shall be responsible for implementing this policy. Any professional staff member or administrator who knowingly violates this policy, or is instrumental in inciting such student walkout or demonstration, shall be subject to disciplinary action for intentional and willful violation of this policy.</p>
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