

Wissahickon School  
District  
Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

**SECTION: PROGRAMS**

**TITLE: DISCIPLINE OF PUPILS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

A pupil with a disability may be suspended for ten (10) consecutive and fifteen (15) cumulative days of school per school year, regardless of whether the pupil's behavior is a manifestation of his/her disability.

Any removal from school is a change of placement for a pupil identified with mental retardation.

A pupil with a disability whose behavior is not a manifestation of his/her disability may be expelled pursuant to District policy and procedures.

A hearing officer may order removal of a pupil with a disability to an alternative setting for forty-five (45) days where the District demonstrates by substantial evidence that maintaining the pupil's current placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the pupil or others.

Pupils who have not been identified as disabled may be subject to the same disciplinary measures applied to students without disability if the District did not have knowledge of the disability. If a request for evaluation is made during the period the student is subject to disciplinary measures, the evaluation shall be expedited.

**Weapons Violations**

A pupil with a disability who carries a weapon to school or a school function may be removed from his/her current placement. The pupil shall be placed in an appropriate interim alternative education setting for no more than forty-five (45) days.

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**Drugs/Controlled Substances Violations**

A pupil with a disability who knowingly possesses or used illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at school or a school function may be removed from his/her current placement. The pupil shall be placed in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for no more than forty-five (45) days.