

District Developed Discipline Procedures for Non-compliance of Safety Protocols

Recognizing that students will be returning to bricks and mortar on November 3rd; thereby increasing the density in schools and the district-wide capacity, in this pandemic, to 55%, it is necessary to make sure that measures are in place to minimize putting others at risk. To that end, a special discipline committee was established to put a protocol in place that is supported by District Policy 5500.

Students who are not in compliance with our safety protocols will be subjected to the following:

1st Incident/Infraction – “Failure to comply with established requirements for student health, safety, and welfare, including dress code and safety protocols” (*Policy 5500 - #13 Under Infractions Requiring Informal Consequences*)

Informal Consequences –

- Conference with parent and student addressing the risk involved to the school community. Follow up conference with “A written warning or reprimand to a student and parent(s)/guardian(s) from the teacher, or Principal. (*Policy 5500 - Letter ‘B’ Under Consequences for Informal Infractions*)

2nd Incident/Infraction –

- “Behavior that is inappropriate or detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students, including fighting on school grounds or on a school bus, at a school bus stop or while participating in a school-sponsored function or activity.” (*Policy 5500 – #6 Under Infractions Requiring Formal Consequences*)
- “Failure to correct repeated misconduct as described under Infractions Requiring Informal Consequences.” (*Policy 5500 #8 Under Infractions Requiring Formal Consequences*)
- “Repeated failure to comply with established requirements for student health, safety and welfare, including dress code and safety protocols.” (*Policy 5500 - #21 Under infractions Requiring Formal Consequences*)

Formal Consequence –

- “If the circumstances warrant, a student may receive an informal consequence for a formal infraction.” (*Policy 5500 – Letter ‘I’ Under Consequences for Suspension or Expulsion.*) *The informal consequence based upon the discussion of the group is supported by the following:*
- Student will be subjected to a 45-day Placement or less in the Digital Academy, at the discretion of the Principal (*Length of stay is based upon the totality of the circumstance, grade level and age of the student.*)
- Student will be placed on attendance, behavior and academic contracts.
- *Failure to comply with contracts may result in student being recommended for a suspension or expulsion. Per Policy 5500, suspension and expulsion are formal consequences and will be employed “*only after parental/guardian assistance and all available school and support services have been unsuccessful in dealing with the student misconduct*”.
- Prior to a recommendation for expulsion, parents/guardians will have an option to enroll their child in Homeschool, Leon County Virtual School, Florida Virtual School or Private School.
- Student should be coded with an OFI for the duration of the time that they are in DA.