

Students

Assault

Student fights may or may not involve actual violation of the laws relative to assault, and therefore will not always be reportable to law enforcement authorities. However, all such incidents required close consideration because of the circumstances within which they occur. Student fights are a disruption of the regular school program and will not be tolerated. The principal, in the course of his/her investigation, will attempt to discover the cause of the fight and, if possible, to solve the problem; e.g., obtain an agreement from the students to eliminate the cause of the dispute. If the principal cannot bring about a peaceful resolution of the problem, the participants will be subject to suspension.

A more serious situation exists when an attack is made on a student. The principal may send all parties involved home while he/she conducts an investigation of the incident. Those students found to have been participants in the attack will be suspended and a report made to the authorities.

An attack on a teacher is a matter of grave concern to everyone and will be thoroughly investigated. Each case will be investigated by the principal, and where grounds for charges under the law exist, the case will be referred to police authorities. Student(s) determined in the initial investigation to have been involved will be suspended. If no extenuating circumstances are uncovered, it will be recommended that expulsion proceedings be initiated.

(cf. 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline/Punishment)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards to prescribe rules.

52-572 Parental liability for torts of minors. Damage defined.

53a-18 Use of reasonable physical force or deadly physical force generally.

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