

**Policy**

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DISORDER AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The Little Silver Board of Education has the authority to preserve order to ensure the proper functioning of the educational program. Disruptive protests, walkouts, and demonstrations shall be forbidden in the schools. The staff shall make all reasonable attempts to preserve order and maintain the regular educational processes.

Students shall not be disturbed in the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed rights to assemble peaceably and to express ideas and opinions, privately or publicly, provided that such exercise does not infringe on the rights of others and does not interfere with the operation of the schools.

Any disturbance by students that interferes with the normal course of school activities shall be met with disciplinary action commensurate with the gravity of the disturbance and in accordance with board policy 5131 Conduct and Discipline.

Campus disturbances that interfere with the educational processes shall be reported to the principal and superintendent, immediately. The principal shall make a reasonable attempt to resolve the problem. This may include:

- A. Conferring with individual students speaking on behalf of the assembly;
- B. Seeking assistance from other appropriate school personnel;
- C. Negotiation and arbitration.

The superintendent or designee shall give support, guidance, direction and assistance to each building in order to protect the safety of students and staff members and to prevent destruction of public property in the event of a campus disorder.

If attempts by the principal to resolve the problem fail and the disturbance continues, the superintendent may declare school closed for the day in accordance with board policy 6114 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness. The superintendent, or his or her designee, shall ensure that students have safely exited the campus by means of approved transportation and that no additional students are scheduled to arrive.

If the disturbance jeopardizes the safety or welfare of students, staff, the community or school property, the local police shall be alerted. The school shall remain closed, and secured until the police verify that the disorder has dissipated, the violators have been subdued and safety has been restored.

The superintendent shall report the occurrence and disposition of each instance of student disorder/disturbance to the board.

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Key Words

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Disorderly, Demonstration, Disturbance

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1 et seq. Riot; Disorderly Conduct  
N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1 Corporal punishment of students  
N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 Causes for suspension or expulsion of students

**Possible**

**Cross References:**

*1250	Visitors
*1410	Local units
*3516	Safety
3530	Insurance
*4112.4	Employee health
*4131/4131.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
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*4231/4231.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
*5020	Role of parents/guardians
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians
*5125	Student records
*5131	Conduct/discipline
*5131.5	Vandalism/violence
*5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
*5131.7	Weapons and dangerous instruments
*5141.1	Accidents
*5141.2	Illness
*5145.12	Search and seizure
*6114	Emergencies and disaster preparedness

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.