

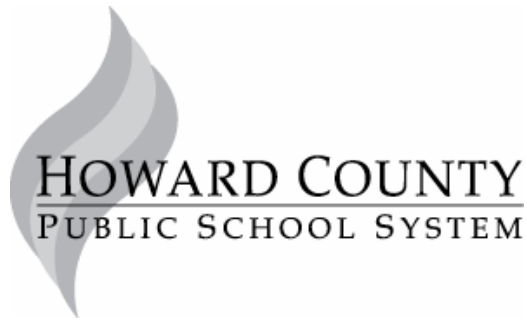
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY 9270
STUDENT ASSAULT AND/OR
BATTERY ON SCHOOL STAFF

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Policy Statement

The Board of Education recognizes the need for a school environment that is orderly and safe. This environment must allow school staff to be free from any assault and/or battery by students. Therefore, any assault and/or battery by a student on school staff is strictly forbidden. The Superintendent is directed to develop procedures to implement this policy.

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REGULATIONS
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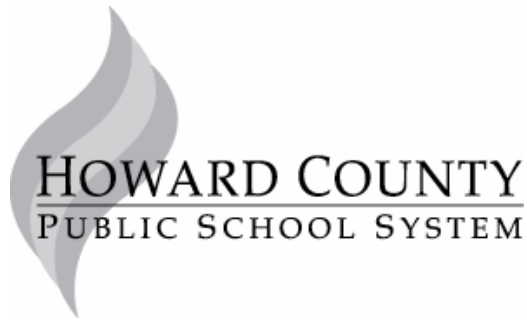
I. Definitions

- A. Assault-Any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury upon the person of another, when coupled with an apparent ability to do so; any intent using display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm. An assault may be physical, verbal or both.
- B. Battery-The unlawful touching of another person by the aggressor or by some substance or force put in motion by the aggressor which is not consented to by the other person and not otherwise privileged.
- C. Serious assault/battery-assault/battery which causes or creates a substantial risk of:
 - 1. Death;
 - 2. Permanent or prolonged serious disfigurement;
 - 3. Serious permanent or prolonged serious loss of the functioning of any bodily member or organ; or
 - 4. Serious permanent or prolonged serious impairment of the functioning of any bodily member or organ.

II. Regulations

- A. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student to commit an act of assault and/or battery on school personnel.
- B. Information regarding assault and/or battery by a student on school staff shall be made known to students, parents/guardians, and staff members at the beginning of the school year, and when deemed necessary by the principal. Any student who violates this policy is to be suspended from school and will be subject to suspension and/or transfer. The student may be expelled if the violation constitutes serious assault/battery.

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POLICY 9270-PR
IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES
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- I. The principal is directed to inform all students, parents/guardians and staff of policy at the beginning of each school year, upon enrollment of a new student and when deemed necessary. This may be done in the following ways:
 - A. Make at least three announcements via the public address system at the beginning of the school year (mandatory).
 - B. Publish the information in school newsletters (mandatory).
 - C. Publish the information in student handbooks, etc.
 - D. Post the information on a bulletin board.
 - E. Make the information available for new students through the registration process (mandatory).
 - II. If any student is suspected of being in violation of the assault and/or battery on school staff policy, the student must be referred to the principal who will determine if a violation has occurred.
 - III. If it is determined by the principal after an investigation, that a student has assaulted and/or battered a member of the staff, the principal will suspend the student, refer the case in writing to the office of the Superintendent, and notify the police.
 - IV. For a first violation of this policy, the student will be suspended for a minimum period of 45 days or the remainder of the semester, whichever is greater. In addition, the student will be ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the current semester and the next consecutive semester. If a violation constitutes serious assault/battery, the student may be expelled.
 - V. For a second offense, a student involved in an assault and/or battery on school staff may be expelled from the Howard County Public School System.
 - VI. When a student is to be transferred from a particular teacher's class because of this policy, the parents/guardians of the student will be notified of the impending transfer at the time of the suspension conference.

- VII. Any student involved in an incident under the assault and/or battery on school staff policy will be referred to the school guidance counselor for follow-up.
- VIII. Any disciplinary action taken against a student as a result of an assault and/or battery on school staff shall be taken in accordance with this policy and Policy 9200, Discipline.

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