

Weapons in CCPS – Policy 1515

Weapons pose a threat of disruption and danger to the educational process in our schools.

Policy 1515 prohibits the possession of weapons on Calvert County Public School property. CCPS property includes all buildings and grounds, all leased or owned vehicles, all school buses when they are in use for official school business, and locations used for co- and extracurricular activities (including field trips). Policy 1515, which is available on the Calvert County Public Schools website, defines weapons and notes the rare exceptions to this prohibition.

Procedure 1515.1 defines consequences for weapon possession by students, employees and other individuals on CCPS property.

Student Information

What is a Referral?

A referral is a form used by a staff member to transfer information to the school administration regarding student behavioral issues.

Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation – Procedure 1118.3

The Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005 mandates local boards of education to report incidents of harassment and intimidation (bullying) against students attending public schools.

This law became effective in July 2005. To comply with this mandate, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) created a standard *Victim of Harassment and Intimidation* form to be completed by parents, students, staff and other close relatives.

To that end, Calvert County Public Schools will not condone or allow any verbal, written or physical assaults or harassments in any form, including hazing or similar activities. Any activities that humiliate, tease, harass, injure, or potentially injure as part of a ritual belonging to a club, team, or group are strictly forbidden in any form.

Filing Complaints of Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation and Discrimination – Procedure 1118.1

Any student or group of students who has a complaint regarding an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination by another student or school employee during school hours, or at a school-sponsored event, should bring the problem to the attention of a school administrator or another adult in the school as soon after the event as possible. The complaint may be oral or written. The Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form may be obtained in the school's main office, guidance office, and other locations determined by the school, and in the *Students' Rights, Responsibilities and Code of Conduct*. The form may also be obtained electronically from the CCPS website. Students in Calvert County Public Schools may report incidents of harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination without fear of harm or retaliation. For more information, please contact your school administrator or the Department of Student Services at 410-535-7232.

Discipline Information

Discipline information is part of the student's educational record.

Homework

Homework is a valuable and integral component of an effective instructional program and consequently should be regularly assigned to all students. Students should be encouraged to view homework as their responsibility and parents must play a role in this effort.

- Homework should be assigned to all students and be appropriate to their age, ability and independent work level.
- Homework assignments should take into consideration individual differences of students such as ability, conditions at home and resources at home.
- Assignments should be clearly and thoroughly explained.
- Assignments should be varied in kind, purpose and procedure.
- Teachers should not assign more homework than is essential to assess student mastery or understanding.
- All homework should be reviewed and/or evaluated and returned to students as soon as possible.
- Teachers shall inform students about how homework is to be incorporated into their grade.