

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: November 17, 2009

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 2370 –
ADMINISTRATION: CONDUCT**

ORIGINATOR: J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent

**RESOURCE
PERSON(S):** Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 2370. This is the first reading of this policy.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Proposed Policy 2370

**Policy Analysis for
Board of Education Policy 2370
Conduct**

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

Board of Education Policy 2370 does not clearly outline the scope of authority available to the Superintendent concerning behavior. As revised, the policy applies to all persons who are on BCPS-owned or leased property, school buses, and at offsite, school-sponsored activities. The policy is clearly aligned with the Board goal to maintain a safe and orderly learning and working environment.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the recommended revisions.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

Board of Education Policy 5500, *Conduct*

Board of Education Policy 5510, *School Discipline*

Board of Education Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*

Board of Education Policy 5560, *Suspensions, Assignment to Alternative Programs, or Expulsions*

Legal Requirements

Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article,

§4-205, Powers and duties of a county superintendent

§26-101, Disturbing activities at school or college, molesting or threatening students

§26-102, Trespass on the grounds of a public institution of elementary, secondary or higher education

§26-103, Drinking or possessing intoxicating beverages on school premises

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

Anne Arundel County Public Schools,

Policy Code 503, KD, *Visitors to the Schools*

Policy Code 506, Letter KG, *Violence and Vandalism*

Howard County Public Schools, Policy 3020, *Trespassing or Willful Disturbance*

Montgomery County Public Schools

Policy COC-RA, *Trespassing or Willful Disturbance on MCPS Property*

Policy COF-RA, *Intoxicants on MCPS Property*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered by Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline for Adoption

First reading – November 17, 2009

Public comment – December 1, 2009

Third reading/vote – January 12, 2010

ADMINISTRATION: Administrative Operations

Conduct

- I. ONE OF THE PRIMARY GOALS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND ORDERLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

- II. THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH RULES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS THE CONDUCT OF ALL PERSONS ON SCHOOL-OWNED OR LEASED PROPERTY, ALL SCHOOL BUSES, BOARD-OWNED VEHICLES, AND OFFSITE SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL BOARD POLICIES, SUPERINTENDENT’S RULES, AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. [The Superintendent of Schools is expected to develop administrative procedures to assure proper conduct of all persons while on school premises. All disciplinary policies and rules shall apply to school buses and all offsite school-sponsored activities.

Also see policies and rules on Student Conduct, Discipline, and Suspension and Expulsion in Series 5000, Students.]

LEGAL REFERENCES: *ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND*, EDUCATION ARTICLE, §4-205, POWERS AND DUTIES OF A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
§26-101, DISTURBING ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, MOLESTING OR THREATENING STUDENTS
§26-102, TRESPASS ON THE GROUNDS OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER EDUCATION
§26-103, DRINKING OR POSSESSING INTOXICATING BEVERAGES ON SCHOOL PREMISES

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5500, *CONDUCT*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5510, *SCHOOL DISCIPLINE*
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5550, *DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR*

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5560, *SUSPENSIONS,
ASSIGNMENT TO ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS, OR
EXPULSIONS*

Policy

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Board of Education of Baltimore County