



DUE PROCESS

The Board of Education of the New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District believes that a sound education is a basic prerequisite to compete successfully in today's complex society. The Board recognizes the student's fundamental right to a free public education, which may not be abridged without good and sufficient cause.

To ensure that an environment is maintained which is conducive to learning, the Board of Education has established and published a Code of Conduct for students. This Code of Conduct contains rules and regulations governing the behavior of students and includes consequences for students breaching of the rules or in any way interrupting the educational process. The ultimate penalties are suspension and expulsion.

Recognizing that denial of the student's rights to a free education is a serious consequence for misbehavior, the Board hereby adopts this policy of Due Process that ensures:

1. A student has the right to know the rules and regulations of the school district and the potential consequences for abridging those rules;
2. Prior to being suspended, a student has the right to know the reason for the suspension;
3. The student has the right to know the nature of the evidence against him/her;
4. The student is given a chance to tell his/her side of the story; and
5. The suspension can be appealed through the Grievance Procedure that is outlined in the Student Handbook.

A copy of this policy shall be made available to all students within 30 days after adoption and shall later be included in the Student Handbook for distribution to all students at the beginning of each school year.

