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<p>Since discipline is the regulation of one's conduct in accord with Christian principles, it is a primary concern that teachers and students work together to maintain a suitable climate for learning. Mutual respect and consideration of the needs of each individual person foster this climate.</p> <p>As a general rule, teachers should manage their own disciplinary problems. Minor offenses have consequences which are detailed in the rules of each school. The principal should be aware of all disciplinary action taken and involved in cases that rise above the level of routine classroom disciplinary infractions.</p> <p>Each school must define a discipline policy that includes a statement of levels or degrees of severity and the consequences or outcomes that result from each.</p> <p>The Superintendent and pastor (if applicable) must be consulted prior to an expulsion.</p> <p>General Guidelines:</p> <p>Corporal punishment of any kind is forbidden for all forms of punishment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Special care should be taken to insure that the punishment is consistent and fair; In all cases, attempts should be made to get at the root of the problem, and a remedy should be sought out; The punishment should be humane and reasonable; The punishment should be meaningful and should bring about positive behavior through an understanding of why the disciplined behavior was wrong and the benefits of the corrected behavior; At no time should the student be ridiculed or caused to suffer undue embarrassment; Caution and prudence must guide its use; A student is not to be sent outside the classroom unaccompanied as a form of discipline; The punishment must be consistent with applicable law. 		