

PROCESSING ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND SCHOOL DISTURBANCES

Whenever violent behavior and the willful disturbance of school activities occur, the principal or principal's designee shall contact the school resource officer or the Baltimore County Police by dialing 9-911 to report the incident. The police should be requested to report immediately to the office of the principal or principal's designee. The attached Police Information Report (BEBCO 84-189-90) PS 119 should be completed and given to the police officer. The police should be permitted to interview school personnel who witnessed the alleged offense. The principal or principal's designee should inform the police officer that school personnel will assist in the prosecution of the case by appearing in court as witnesses.

If it is determined that an alleged crime of violent behavior and/or major school disturbance did occur and the student involved is over 18 years of age, the principal or principal's designee should appear before a District Court Commissioner to request that a summons or arrest warrant be issued. When appearing, the principal or principal's designee should have available a copy of the police report regarding the offense. If it is determined that an alleged crime of violent behavior and/or major school disturbance did occur and the student involved is under 18 years of age, Form 117, a Juvenile Referral Form, will be issued by the police for violation of the Education Article Section 26.101(a). Additionally, the principal or principal's designee should promptly notify the parent/guardian of this referral to the police and the disciplinary responsibilities within the school system.

When the principal or principal's designee has reasonable belief that a student has violated the provisions of Board of Education Policy 5550, Students: Conduct, Disruptive Behavior, the student should be suspended according to the procedures contained in the Suspension Policy of the Board of Education. The Notice of Suspension, BEBCO Form 84-040-94, PS 127 should be utilized in the suspension to the superintendent's designee.

Legal References:

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Education Article Section 26A.101(a)

Board of Education Policies

5550 and 5560

Pupil Services Procedure 127

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