

4.6 -- STUDENT DISCIPLINE -- ASSAULT AND ABUSE OF STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS - Act 706 of 1997

Assault, Threatened Assault and Abuse

Definitions:

“**Assault**” is the willful attempt or threat to inflict injury upon the person of another, coupled with the apparent present ability to do so. Any display of force that would give the victim reason to fear bodily harm is assault, even if touching or striking does not occur.

“**Battery**” is similar to assault, but requires unexcused physical touching or injury.

“**Abuse**” means to wrong in speech, reproach coarsely, disparage, revile, or malign. Use of profanity or vulgar expressions directed at another person is considered abuse.

Statement of Policy

Students are to keep their hands to themselves, and treat teachers and fellow students with respect and courtesy. Horseplay is also abuse, and this is also strictly forbidden. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, and may also constitute a criminal offense. By law, local law enforcement must be notified whenever a felony or an act of violence may have been committed on campus.