

Significant Proposed Changes for SY2016-17:

1. **Topic: DOE’s vision and expectations for discipline and school climate**
Proposed Revision: Include the mission statement of the Mayor’s Leadership Team on School Climate that was adopted in July 2015 in the introduction of the Discipline Code.

2. **Topic: Supports and Interventions**
Proposed Revision: Require documentation of guidance supports and interventions provided by a school prior to issuing a suspension for Level 1 – 3 infractions. Rename “guidance interventions” to “supports and interventions” throughout the document.

3. **Topic: K-2 suspensions**
Proposed Revision: Eliminate the ability to invoke a suspension for students in K-2, except as required by law, and replace with appropriate supports and interventions. Suspensions for students in grade 3 will continue to require approval by Central.

4. **Topic: Stun Gun/Weapons**
Proposed Revision: Remove stun weapons as a category II weapon and revise stun gun in category I to read stun gun/weapons.

5. **Topic: Mitigating Circumstances**
Proposed Revision: Add to list of mitigating circumstances an item: “Consideration of social-emotional needs of all parties involved.”

6. **Topic: Superintendent’s Suspension for 11-29 days**
Proposed Revision: Allow for a Superintendent’s Suspension of 11-29 days as a possible disciplinary response. Currently, the Discipline Code allows for 6-10 days and 30-90 days.

7. **Topic: Disciplinary Options/Review for Early Reinstatement**
Proposed Revision: Allow for Superintendent Suspensions of shorter duration with clearly indicated review for early reinstatement:
 - Immediate Reinstatement (No Change)
 - 6-10 days (No Change)
 - 11-29 days (New option)
 - 30-59 days - with review at 30 days¹ (New: interval for review)
 - 60-90 days – with review every 30 days (New: multiple intervals for review)
 - One year – with review at 90 and 135 days (New: multiple intervals for review)
 - One year – without review (No Change)

¹ Only applies after 39 days