

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

**GENERAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHERS
FOR CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE**

The Lampeter-Strasburg Board of Education firmly believes that without discipline and control, effective and planned classroom learning cannot take place. Therefore, in order to free the classroom from needless distractions, the Board of Education supports the following teacher actions:

1. Teachers shall have the authority, and it shall be their duty, to make and enforce, by reasonable means, rules and regulations to govern behavior and promote learning in their respective classes. The legal concept of "in loco parentis," provides justification for the teacher to act in place of the parent in matters relating to the conduct and behavior of students, including the use of corporal punishment as necessary. This concept provides teachers with the authority to use reasonable means in the disposition of student misconduct.
2. When a teacher has exhausted all remedies and resources available through his/her own authority or when a student has violated a school rule, as opposed to a classroom rule, the student should be referred to the appropriate administrator. The specific procedures for such referral will be determined by the administrators at each level.
3. When referring a student to the administration the teacher is expected to provide all pertinent information to the administrator. While teacher input is welcome, the plan of action is now left to the discretion of the administrator.
4. A teacher may use physical force either as self-defense or to counter acts of violence exerted by students that present harm or danger to others. The force used should be reasonable, always considering the circumstances of student size and the potential danger created by the student's actions.