

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TITLE OF POLICY: **CLASSROOM DISMISSAL**

DATE APPROVED: MARCH 2012

POLICY:

The School of Education strives to create a positive learning environment for all students, a classroom setting that fosters academic integrity, courtesy, respect, and an enthusiasm for learning. However, situations sometimes arise that are less than conducive to a positive learning environment and require action by the classroom instructor.

If a student persists in disrupting the class, the faculty member may ask the student to leave the classroom for the remainder of the period. The student should be told the reasons for such action, and be given an opportunity to discuss the matter outside of the class as soon as practicably possible.

The reasons for classroom dismissal may include one of the following:

- Regularly talk during instruction.
- Spending instruction time texting on their cell phones.
- Using their laptops for purposes other than course related work.
- Habitually coming to class late or leaving early.
- Falling asleep during class.

PROCEDURE:

If a faculty member or students feels threatened, they should immediately contact the campus police at: **campus line only 811 or non-campus line 412.624.212.**

When a faculty member undertakes this discipline action, the Department Chair or Dean will be promptly notified of this action. The student will be granted a behavior warning and sent a letter from the School of Education, recommending that they seek guidance from the University Counseling Center at 412-648-7930.

A student may only be given one behavior warning during their program of study. If the student's behavior problem should persist, they will be recommended for dismissal from the School of Education.