



Public Notice
May 2, 2025

AMENDMENTS TO CHANCELLOR'S REGULATION

Number: A-421

Subject: PUPIL BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE – VERBAL ABUSE

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

Chancellor's Regulation A-421 defines and prohibits the use of verbal abuse against students and sets forth the reporting and investigative requirements for allegations of verbal abuse.

In the last collective bargaining agreement between the New York City Public Schools and the Council for School Supervisors and Administrators (CSA), the parties agreed to create a Joint Labor Management Committee to make recommendations about School Based Investigations (SBIs) of Verbal Abuse. Consistent with the Joint Recommendations, which were accepted by the Chancellor and the CSA, the amendments described below regarding the time frames for completing SBIs are being proposed.

The prior version of the regulation, dated November 18, 2018, will be amended in the following respects:

- Updates the link to the OSI Corporal Punishment and Verbal Abuse Online Reporting Form.
- Changes the timeframe for completing SBIs regarding an allegation of verbal abuse from 15 school days to 30 school days from the date of receiving the complaint.
- Adds a timeframe of up to 15 school days for Senior Field Counsel to review findings submitted by school supervisor.
- Provides a process for school supervisors to finalize SBI findings if Senior Field Counsel does not respond to initial findings within 15 school days.
- Removes Attachment No. 1, Alleged Corporal Punishment and/or Verbal Abuse Report of Investigation Form, and provides a link to access this document.
- Updates reporting requirements to comport with New York State regulations.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The full text of the proposed amendments to the regulation can be found on the meeting schedule section of the website of the Panel for Educational Policy: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/panel-for-education-policy/panel-meetings>.

III. Name, office, address, email, and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable about the item under consideration, for whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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Written comments may be submitted via the email address listed above. Oral comments may be submitted via the phone number listed above.

IV. Date, time, and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

June 18, 2025, at 6pm

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