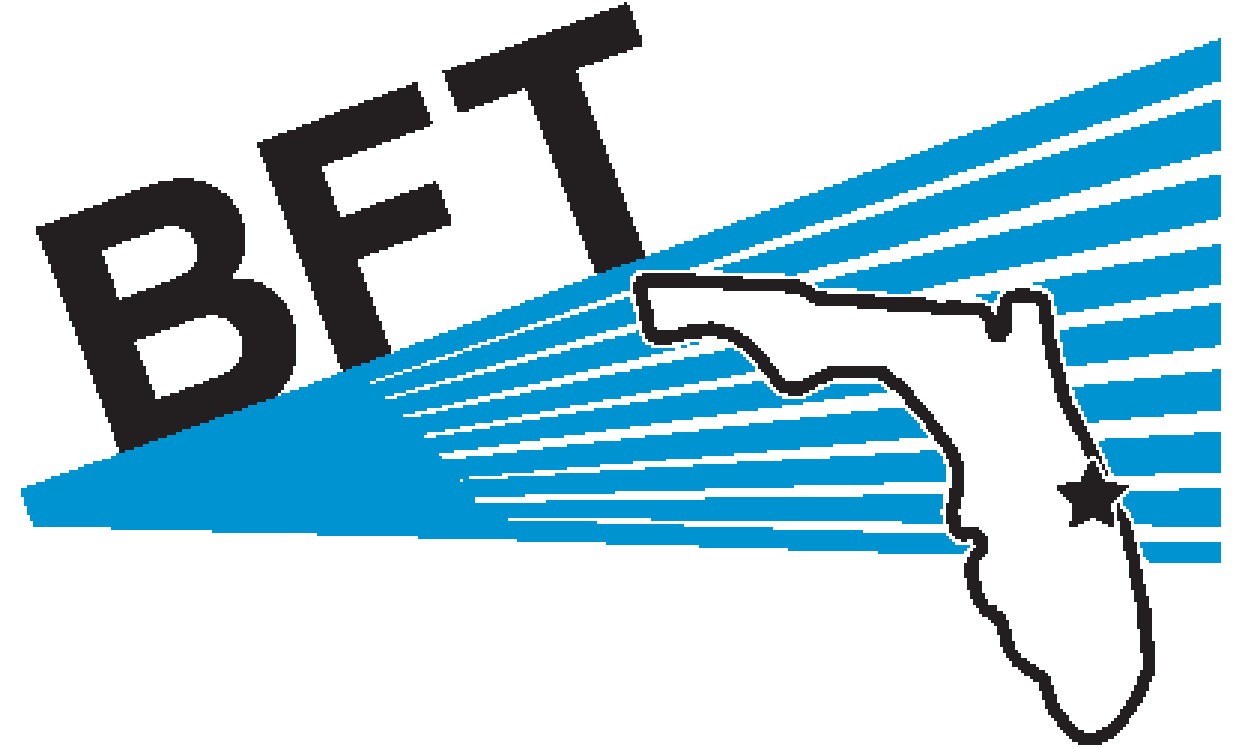
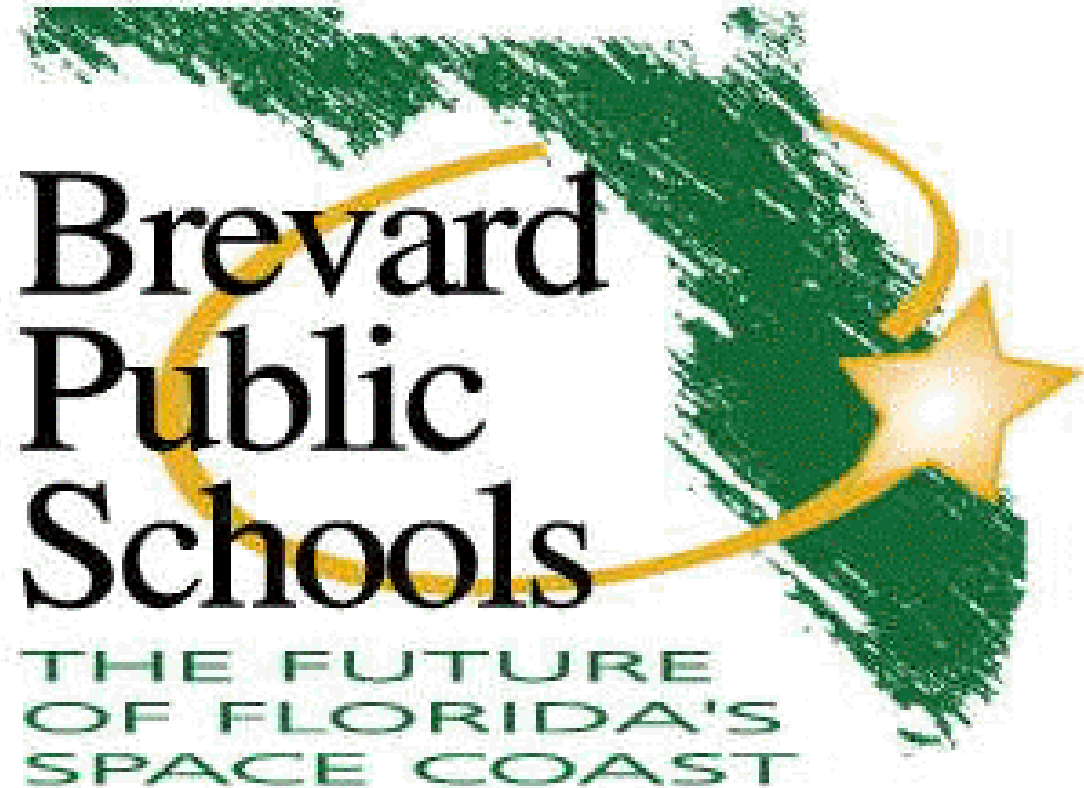


# Teacher Authority Law (TAL)

Florida Statute 1003.32



# Florida Statute 1003.32 (4)

“A teacher may remove from class a student whose behavior **the teacher determines interferes** with the teacher’s ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the student’s classmates to learn. Each district school board, each district school superintendent, and each school principal **shall support the authority of teachers** to remove disobedient, violent, abusive, uncontrollable, or disruptive students from the classroom.”

# Which Students may be Removed?

**Disobedient**

**Violent**

**Abusive**

**Uncontrollable**

**Disruptive**

# Florida Statute 1003.32 (5)

- The principal may place the student in another appropriate classroom, in-school suspension, a dropout prevention and academic intervention program, or the principal may recommend the student for out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
- Student may be prohibited from attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities.
- The principal **may not return** the student to that teacher's class without the teacher's consent unless the committee established determines that such placement is the best or only available alternative.

# Placement Review Committee 1003.32(5)(6)

- The placement review committee's purpose is **to determine the placement** of a student who was removed from class by a teacher using the TAL.
- The teacher and the placement review committee **must render decisions within 5 days** of the removal of the student from the classroom.
- If the placement review committee's decision is contrary to the decision of the teacher to withhold consent to the return of the removed student to the teacher's class, **the teacher may appeal** the committee's decision to the district school **superintendent**.

# Placement Review Committee 1003.32(6)

- A school principal **must** notify each teacher in that school about the availability, the procedures, and the criteria for the placement review committee.
- During preplanning it is **highly recommended** the **faculty selects the placement review committee** representative and **the administration** has formulated a plan for temporary placement of a removed student while the committee deliberates.

# Placement Review Committee

Must include at least the following:

- Two teachers, one selected by the school's faculty and one selected by the teacher who has removed the student.
- One member from the school's staff who is selected by the principal
- The teacher who withheld consent to readmitting the student **may not** serve on the committee.



# Reminders



**Documentation is not required in order to invoke the TAL.**



**Teachers shall set and enforce reasonable classroom rules and work with parents and school personnel to solve discipline problems.**



**A Teacher removing 25% of his/her class shall be required to complete training to improve classroom management.**



# Teachers have the Right to...



**Request and receive immediate assistance if a student becomes uncontrollable.**



**Press charges if there is a reason to believe a crime has been committed.**



**Request and receive training in classroom management**



**Request and receive information about the disposition of a referral.**