

STUDENT SUSPENSION

In accordance with law, a student may be suspended by the building principal or teacher designed by the principal for not more than five school days or, if a notice of expulsion hearing has been sent, for not more than a total of 15 consecutive school days, if it is determined:

1. That the student is guilty of:
 - a. noncompliance with a school rule; or
 - b. knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy school property by means of explosives; or
 - c. engaging in conduct while at school or under the supervision of a school authority which endangers the property, health or safety of others, including making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property; or
 - d. engaging in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority which endangers the health, safety or property of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or any employee or Board member of the district, including making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property; and
2. That the student's suspension is reasonably justified.

In addition, a student shall be suspended from school when required by law (e.g., possessing a firearm as defined in federal law while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority).

The building principal or designee shall determine whether the suspension shall be served in or out of school. Students shall not be suspended out of school for tardiness or truancy.

Prior to any suspension, the student shall be advised of the reason(s) for the proposed suspension. The student shall be given the opportunity to explain his/her version of the facts if the student denies the charges.

The parent/guardian of a suspended minor student shall be promptly notified in writing of the suspension and the reason for the suspension. The suspended student or his/her parent/guardian may, within five school days following commencement of the suspension, have a conference with the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee who shall be someone other than a principal, administrator or teacher in the suspended student's school.

If it is determined as a result of the conference that the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly, or that the suspension was inappropriate or that the student suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension, the suspension reference on the student's records shall be expunged. Such determination shall be made within 15 days of the conference.

The student shall be allowed to make up any examination or class work missed during the suspension period. Upon return to school, the suspended student will be allowed the number of days suspended plus one additional day to make up any late work.

The school district shall not discriminate in the methods and practices used in disciplining and/or suspending students on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, emotional, or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

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