

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The School Board delegates to the principal or designee the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students for a period not to exceed ten (10) consecutive school days. Suspensions longer than 10 consecutive days may be imposed by the Board.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. The student shall be given oral or written notice of reasons for the suspension;
- B. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the suspension; and
- C. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident.

However, students whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the instructional process may be immediately removed from school. In such cases, the notice of reasons, explanation of evidence, and the student's opportunity to present his/her version of the incident shall be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/guardians shall be notified of the suspension as soon as practicable by telephone (if possible) and by written notice sent by mail. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Office of the Superintendent.

The building principal shall request a meeting with the parent/legal guardian to occur prior to the student's return to school.

Any student suspended from school shall become ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities or any other school functions and is prohibited on school grounds unless the student has been given specific permission by the school principal or designee.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. After readmittance, they shall be permitted to take tests, quizzes or any other form of evaluation affecting their grades.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001.9

Cross Reference: JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JK - Student Discipline
JKE - Expulsion of Students
JKF – Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities

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