

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The School Board delegates to the principals the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspensions longer than ten (10) 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 the charge(s) against him/her
- B. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s)
- 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 on-going threat of disrupting the instructional process may be immediately removed from school. In such cases, the notice of charges, 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.

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.

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. Notice shall also be sent to the Office of the Superintendent.

When an accumulation of suspensions totals three (3), a meeting will be held with the Superintendent, Administration, parent and student. During this meeting, the Superintendent will determine if the student is to go before the School Board for a possible expulsion.

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
 IGDJ – Athletic Policy

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