

Student Suspension

Students may be suspended for commission of gross and/or repeated infractions of school rules or when the presence of the student will cause substantial interference with the maintenance of the educational environment or the operation of the school. Suspension may be an appropriate consequence for Level 2, 3, and 4 conduct in accordance with applicable Board Regulation.

The building administrator may suspend students for up to three school days after conducting an informal investigation and up to ten school days with the approval of the Building Level Executive Director and Deputy Superintendent.

A suspension could include in-school and/or out-of-school. In-school suspension is the temporary isolation of a student from one or more classes while under administrative supervision. In-school suspensions may be imposed by the building administrator for infractions of school rules which are serious, but which do not warrant the necessity of removal from school. Out-of-school suspension is the removal of a student from the school environment and is to be used when other available school resources are unable to constructively remedy student misconduct and as a last resort.

The notice to the student, investigation, and due process must precede removal of the student from school. However, nothing should prevent the immediate suspension of a student when the student's continued presence on the school grounds endangers the student's safety or well-being, the safety or well-being of other members of the school community or substantially interferes with the proper functioning of the school.

The building administrator/or designee will attempt to notify the parent by telephone or personal contact the same day that the suspension is issued, and such attempt(s) shall be documented in the student information system. The building administrator/or designee will enter all required information in the student information system within one (1) school day following the removal of the student. Written notice of the suspension, including the facts and applicable Board policy will be provided to the parents within one (1) school day of the suspension. A student subject to suspension shall be given the opportunity to make up work missed during the period of suspension.

Students with disabilities will not be removed from their current educational placement for behaviors related to their disability, except as permitted by law. If a student with an IEP or 504 Plan is recommended for suspension for more than ten (10) cumulative school days within the same school year, a Manifestation Determination must be held no later than the tenth school day of removal. Students who have not been identified as requiring special education or accommodations due to disability may be referred for evaluation after the student's suspension to determine whether the student has a disability and is in need of special education.

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