

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT - STUDENT SUSPENSION

Students may be suspended for conduct that violates school rules. Suspensions may take the form of probation, an in-school suspension or an out-of-school suspension.

Probation

Probation is the conditional suspension of the imposition of discipline for student misconduct for a set period of time. Probation may be imposed for infractions of school rules which do not warrant the necessity of removal from school. The conditional suspension shall mean the student must meet the conditions and terms for the suspensions of the penalty. Failure of the student to meet these conditions and terms shall result in immediate reinstatement of the penalty.

The building principal shall conduct an informal investigation of the allegations against the student prior to imposition of probation. The investigation shall include, but not be limited to, written or oral notice to the student of the allegations against the student and an opportunity to respond. Written notice of probation and the reasons therefore shall be sent to the student and the student's parents.

In-School Suspension

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 principal for infractions of school rules which are serious but which do not warrant the necessity of removal from school. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten consecutive school days.

The building principal shall conduct an informal investigation of the allegations against the student prior to the imposition of an in-school suspension which shall include notifying the student of the allegations against the student and the basis for the allegations and giving a student the opportunity to respond to the allegations. An in-school suspension shall not be imposed for a period longer than ten school days. Written notice of the in-school suspension and the reasons therefore shall be sent to the student and the student's parents.

Out-of-School Suspension

Out-of-school suspension is the removal of a student from the school environment for periods of short duration. Suspension is to be employed when other available school resources are unable to constructively remedy student misconduct. An out-of-school suspension will not exceed ten days.

A student may be suspended for up to ten school days by a building principal for a commission of gross or repeated infractions of school rules or when the presence of the student will cause interference with the maintenance of the educational environment or the operation of the school. The building principal may suspend a student after conducting an investigation of the charges

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against the student which shall include giving the student: (1) oral or written notice of the allegations against the student; (2) the basis in fact for the charges; and (3) the opportunity to respond to the charges.

Written notice of the suspension shall be mailed to the student and the student's parents no later than two school days following the imposition of the suspension. Written notice of the suspension shall also be given to the superintendent. A reasonable effort shall be made to notify the student's parents of the suspension by telephone or in person and such effort shall be documented by the person making or attempting to make the contact. Written notice shall include the circumstances which led to the suspension and a copy of the Board policy and rules pertaining to the suspension.

Suspension of Special Education Students

Following the suspension of a special education student, an informal evaluation of the student's placement shall take place. The student's Individual Education Program (I.E.P.) shall be evaluated to determine whether it needs to be changed or modified in response to the behavior that led to the suspension. If a special education student's suspensions, either in-school or out-of-school, equal ten days on a cumulative basis, a staffing team shall meet to determine whether the student's I.E.P. is appropriate.

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