

SUSPENSION

1. The district administrator, principal, or teacher designated by the district administrator may suspend any student for not more than five (5) school days, or if notice of an expulsion hearing has been sent for not more than a total of fifteen (15) consecutive days for:
 - a. non-compliance with Board of Education policies or school rules;
 - b. knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;
 - c. conduct by the student while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangers the property, health, or safety of others; or
 - d. conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority which endangers the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority, or of any District employee or Board of Education member.

Students must be suspended for possession of firearms, as defined by federal law, while at school or while under the supervision of school authority (Section 120.13(1)(bm)) of State Statutes.

Prior to any suspension, the student shall be advised of the reason for the proposed suspension. The student may be suspended if it is determined that they are guilty of non-compliance with such rules, or of the conduct charged, and that their suspension is reasonably justified.

The parent/guardian of the suspended minor student shall be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason therefore. The suspended student or the student's parent/guardian may, within five (5) school days following the commencement of the suspension, have a conference with the district administrator or designee who shall be someone other than a principal, administrator, or teacher in the suspended student's school. If the district administrator or designee finds the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly, or that the suspension was inappropriate, given the nature of the alleged offense, or that the student suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension, reference to the suspension on the student's school record shall be expunged. Such finding shall be made within fifteen (15) days of the conference. A student suspended under this paragraph shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester, or grading period examinations or to complete coursework missed during the suspension period, as provided in the attendance policy.

2. A student with an identified disability may be suspended to the extent authorized by State law, the federal Individuals with Disability Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and related regulations. Suspension time should be used to investigate the problem and take steps to avoid its recurrence. Such steps may include reactivating the IEP Team and development of a new educational program. In lieu of suspension, misconduct of students with disability may be handled in the following manner:
 - a. Flagrant violation of school rules: staffing to consider a more restrictive environment.

- b. Destruction of property: staffing to consider a more restrictive environment and referral to police authorities.
- c. Verbal abuse of other students or staff members: staffing to consider a more restrictive environment and/or referral for counseling services.
- d. Self-destructive behavior: staffing to consider a more restrictive environment and referral to child welfare authorities.

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