

### **Suspension of Students**

The School Board delegates to the principals the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students in grade six and above for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspensions longer than 10 days may be imposed by the Board.

Students in grade five or below may not receive an out-of-school suspension, except when a student has violated the federal Gun-Free Schools Act or presents an imminent danger of serious physical injury to the student or others, and it is determined that less restrictive interventions would be ineffective. Any suspension of a student in grade five or below can be no longer than three school days.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. The student will be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against them;
- B. The student will be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s); and
- C. The student will be given an opportunity to present their 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 charges, explanation of evidence and the student's opportunity to present their version of the incident will be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/guardians will be notified of any in-school or out-of-school suspension as soon as practicable.

Students are not allowed on school property during any out-of-school suspension except with the prior authorization of the principal or Superintendent.

The parents/guardians and the student may be required to schedule a conference with the building administrator/designee within the suspension period and prior to readmittance to school.

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

Students serving in-school or out-of-school suspension will not be permitted to participate in co-curricular activities.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S §§1001(9); (15-A)(D)

Cross Reference: JIC – System Wide Code of Conduct  
JK – Student Discipline  
JKE – Expulsion of Students  
JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

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