

Title: Student Suspension

A. Probation

1. Probation is conditional suspension of a penalty for a set period of time. Probation may be imposed by the principal for infractions of school rules which do not warrant the necessity of removal from school.
2. The principal shall conduct an information investigation of the allegations against the student prior to imposition of probationary status. Such investigation shall include, but not be limited to, written or oral notice to the student of the allegations against him/her and an opportunity to respond. Probationary status will not be posed for longer period than ten (10 ) school days. Written notice of the probation and the reasons therefore shall be sent to the parents.

Should the student breach the condition imposed for probation, the penalty temporarily suspended shall take effect. An investigation similar to that of the informal investigation above shall be made to determine whether the condition imposed has been breached.

B. In-School Suspension

1. 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 principal for infractions of school rules which are serious but which do not warrant the necessity of removal from school.
2. The principal shall conduct an informal investigation of the allegations against the student prior to imposition of an in-school suspension. Such an investigation shall include, but not be limited to, written or oral notice to the student or the allegations against him/her and an opportunity to respond. In-school suspension shall not be imposed for a longer period than ten (10) school days. Written notice of the in-school suspension and the reasons therefore shall be sent to the student's parents.

C. Out of School Suspension

1. 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.
2. A student may be suspended for up to ten school days by a 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 principal may suspend such students after conducting an investigation of the charges against the student, giving the student:
  - a. Oral or written notice of the allegations against the student,
  - b. The basis in fact for the charges, and
  - c. The opportunity to respond to those charges.

At the principal's discretion, the student may be allowed to confront witnesses against the student, or hear witnesses in behalf of the student.

3. Notice of the suspension shall be mailed no later than the end of the school day following the suspension, to the student's parents, the superintendent and the Board president. A reasonable effort shall be made to notify the student's parents by telephone or personal contact, and such effort shall be documented by the person making or attempting to make the contact. Written

notice to the parents shall include the circumstances involving the student which led to the suspension and a copy of the Board policy and rules pertaining to suspension.

#### D. Suspensions and Special Education Students

1. Students who have been identified as special education students may be referred for a review of the student's Individual Education Program. The Individual Education Program will be revised to include a continuum of intervention strategies and programming to change the behavior.
2. Students who have not been identified as special education students may be referred for evaluation after the student's second out of school suspension to determine whether the student is disabled and in need of special education.

The Board believes inappropriate student conduct causes material and substantial disruption to the school environment or presents a threat to the health and safety of students, personnel, and visitors on school premises.

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with respect and consideration for the rights of others while on school premises, while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered buses, while attending or engaged in school activities, while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient, management and welfare of the school.

Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be disciplined for conduct which disrupts or interferes with the educational program, conduct which disrupts the orderly and efficient operation of the school or school activity, conduct which disrupts the rights of other students to obtain their education or participation, or conduct which measures, include, but are not limited to restriction from school activities, removal from the classroom, detention, suspension, probation, and expulsion.

Restriction from school activities may be used in conjunction with other discipline measures.

Removal from the classroom means a student is sent to the building principal's office. It shall be within the discretion of the person in charge of the classroom to remove the student.

Detention means the student's presence is required during non-school hours for disciplinary purposes. The student can be required to appear prior to the beginning of the school day or after school has been dismissed for the day. Whether a student will serve detention and the length of the detention shall be within the discretion of principal or the certified employee disciplining the student.

Suspension means either an in-school suspension, an out-of-school suspension, a restriction from activities, or an in-school suspension means the student will attend school but will be temporarily isolated from one or more classes while under supervision. The student may not attend school activities or may not participate in a contest of extracurricular activities. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten days. An out-of-school suspension means the student is removed from the school environment, which includes school classes and activities. An out-of-school suspension will not exceed ten days.

A restriction from school activities means a student will attend school and classes but will not attend or participate in school activities. A restriction from activities will not exceed ninety days.

Probation means a student is given a conditional suspension of a penalty for a definite period of time, not to exceed ten days, in addition to being warned and/or punished for misconduct. The conditional suspension shall mean the student must meet the conditions and terms for the suspension of the penalty. Failure of the student to meet these conditions and terms shall invoke the penalty temporarily suspended.

Expulsion means the removal of a student from the school environment, which includes, but is not limited to, classes and activities for a period of time set by the Board.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy. Input should be solicited from parents, staff, students, and community members.