

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The Board delegates to the principals the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students for a period not to exceed 10 school days. Suspensions may be out-of-school or in-school at the discretion of the building principal, based on the circumstances involved. Suspensions longer than 10 days may be imposed by the Board.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against him/her;
- B. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s); and
- C. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her 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 his /her version of the incident shall be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/guardians shall be notified of the suspension as soon as practicable by telephone (if possible) and by written notice sent by mail.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. Students may come in after school during their suspension to pick up work or do an assessment if requested by a teacher.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001.9

Cross Reference: JIC – Student Code of Conduct

Cross Reference (Continued)

JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety

JK - Student Discipline

JKE - Expulsion of Students

JKF – Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities

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