

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The School Board delegates to the Principal the authority to suspend disobedient and/or disorderly students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspensions longer than ten (10) school days may be imposed by the Board.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charges against him/her.
- The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s); and
- 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 practical after removal of the student from school.

The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be notified of the suspension as soon as possible by telephone. Written notice shall also be sent by mail within 24 hours of the incident. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Executive Director.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. The school will cooperate in providing suspended students with materials and assignments needed to keep up with their school work. After re-admittance, they shall be permitted to take tests, quizzes or any other form of evaluation missed during their suspension.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001.9

Cross Reference: JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JK – Student Discipline
JKF – Suspension/Expulsion and Students with Disabilities

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