

STUDENT SUSPENSION INITIATED BY TEACHER

POLICY

To maintain a proper learning environment, teachers have the primary responsibility for the effective control and management of the classroom. It is recognized that the best defense in the prevention of discipline problems is teacher effectiveness, consistency, and authority.

PROCEDURE

Per State law and this policy, a teacher with annual contract may suspend a student from a class, subject, or activity for up to one full school day if the teacher has good reason to believe that the student's conduct constitutes an offense for which the student may be suspended from the class, subject, or activity. A teacher is authorized to immediately remove and suspend a student from such class, subject, or activity when the student engages in a conduct prohibited by law, or engages in the following disruptive behaviors:

1. Fighting - Engaging in hostile physical contact with intent to harm.
2. Assault - Intimidation of students or staff; the act of verbally, physically, sexually, or otherwise threatening the well being, health or safety of persons on school property.
3. Battery - Physical violence to persons.
4. Vandalism - Willful destruction of property belonging to others.
5. Inciting violence - Taking the role of leadership or overtly encouraging activities which disrupt the normal educational process of the school.
6. Gross disrespect - Insulting, calling derogatory names, dishonoring or in other manner abusing verbally any member of the school staff or another student.
7. Theft, burglary, robbery - The act of dishonestly acquiring the property of others.
8. Selling, using, possessing or being under the influence of alcohol, pep pills, inhalants, or other chemical agents whether or not a prescriptive substance, used for causing a condition of intoxication, euphoria, exhilaration, or dulling of the senses or nervous system.
9. Extortion, blackmail, or coercion - Obtaining money or property by violence or threat of violence, or forcing someone to do something against his/her will by threat of force.

Any students suspended pursuant to this policy shall not be allowed to return to the class, subject, or activity from which he or she was suspended until the passage of one full school day from the time of the student's infraction unless otherwise permitted by the teacher who ordered the suspension. Students attending separate class periods throughout the school day shall be permitted during the term of suspension to attend other classes taught by other teachers only when the student's conduct does not rise to the level of requiring a multiple day suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Board of Education policy and the School Student Code of Conduct.

This policy shall be applied in a manner consistent with the rights secured under Federal and State Law to general education students and those students who are determined to be eligible for special education programs and services.

IMPLEMENTATION

The superintendent shall develop detailed, written regulations to implement this policy in compliance with State law requirements. The regulation shall include safeguards for the dismissal of students suspended, expectation for teachers to immediately report suspension to principal or designee and as soon as possible for teachers to ask the student's parents or guardians to attend a parent teacher conference regarding the suspension, and other guidelines as mandated by Senate Bill No. 183 of 1999 MCL Section 380.1309. This policy is to be disseminated to students, staff, and parents through inclusion in the Student Handbook and district publications.

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