

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The School Board delegates to the principals the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. 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 any in-school or out-of-school suspension as soon as practicable by telephone (if possible) and by written notice sent by mail. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Superintendent.

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

The parents/guardians and the student shall be required to attend a conference with the building administrator/designee within the suspension period and prior to re-admittance to school.

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

A student who has a single suspension of two days or fewer during his/her high school career may request that the suspension be made null and void, and removed from the student's education record, under the following conditions. 1) The student must be a junior or senior. 2) The student must submit a written request signed by the student and his/her

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parents/guardians to the Principal. 3) The Principal's decision as to whether to make the suspension null and void is final. 4) If the student commits another offense subject to disciplinary and/or other consequences after the request has been granted, the first suspension will still be considered in determining consequences under the applicable Board policy/procedure.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRS §§ 1001(9); (15-A)(D)

Cross Reference: JIC – Student Code of Conduct
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JICH – Student Use of Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and Other Prohibited Substances
JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools
JK – Student Discipline
JKE – Expulsion of Students
JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

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