

Suspension of Students

The Board delegates to the Superintendent and his/her designees the authority to suspend disobedient or 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 whose addresses are on file with the school shall be notified of the suspension as soon as practicable in person or by telephone (if possible) and by written notice. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Office of the Superintendent.

The notified parents/guardians and the students shall be required to schedule a conference with the building principal/designee prior to re-admittance to school.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. After re-admittance, they shall be offered the opportunity to complete course work as appropriate and feasible in an effort to help the student demonstrate mastery of the course material.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001.9

Cross Reference:	JICIA	Weapons, Violence, Theft and School Safety
	JK	Student Discipline
	JKE	Expulsion of Students
	JKF	Suspension/Expulsion of Special Education Students

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