

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

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JURISDICTION: RSU 73 Schools**POLICY: SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS**

The 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 them;
- 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 their version of the incident.

However, students whose presence poses a continuing danger to person 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 their version of the incident, shall be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parent(s) / guardian(s) shall be notified of any 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 during any out-of-school suspension except with prior authorization of the principal or Superintendent.

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.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§ 1001 (9), (15-A)(D)

Cross Reference: JIC - Student Code of Conduct
 JICIA - Weapons, Violence and School Safety
 JICK - Bullying
 JK - Student Discipline
 JKE - Expulsion of Students
 JKF - Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

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