

POLICY: SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS**NEPN/NSBA CODE: JKD**

Principals are authorized to suspend any student for up to ten school days for willful disobedience, injuring of individuals or school property or use of profanity or obscene language. A student may be suspended for something done off school property if school authorities can establish that such suspensions be necessary for physical or emotional safety of members of the school community.

A. Prior to suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

1. The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against him/her;
2. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for those charge(s);
3. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her side of the case; and
4. Inform the parent if under 18 years of age.

B. After suspension, the Principal will:

1. Report the suspension, in writing, to the Superintendent stating the reasons why suspension was invoked and duration of suspension.

However, students whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process may be immediately removed from school; in such cases, the notice of charges, explanation of evidence, and the student's opportunity to explain his/her side of the story, shall be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The parent or guardian shall be notified of suspension of his/her son or daughter by telephone immediately, if possible, and/or by written notice which shall be dispatched by mail on the day of the suspension. A copy of the written notice shall be sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA 1001.9

Cross Reference: JK - Student Discipline

JKE - Expulsion of Students

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