

STUDENT SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

The following violations of the Code of Student Conduct and School Board policy shall be grounds for **suspension**, both in-school suspension (ISS) and out of school suspension (OSS). This list is not all-inclusive. The principal or designee has the authority to suspend students up to 10 days for any action, which is deemed to be unlawful, dangerous to the health and welfare of students, or disruptive of the school environment.

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Length of Suspension</u>
Cutting class/Leaving school unauthorized	1 day ISS to 3 days OSS
Disrespect/Defiance/Disobedience	1 day ISS to 3 days OSS
Disruptive behavior	1 day ISS to 3 days OSS
Dress Code violation	0 - 3 days ISS or OSS <i>(1st Offense—Administrative Warning/ Subsequent Offenses ISS or OSS)</i>
Fighting	1 - 10 days OSS
Obscene (inappropriate) language	1 day ISS to 3 days OSS
Plagiarism	0 - 3 days OSS <i>(1st Offense—Administrative Warning/ Subsequent Offenses – 3 day suspension)</i>
Possession or use of alcohol or drugs	IMMEDIATE suspension--10 days OSS <i>(Hearing must be held with Superintendent/Designee to determine educational placement of student)</i>
Possession or use of tobacco products	3 days OSS
Possession of weapon	IMMEDIATE suspension--10 days OSS <i>(Hearing must be held with Superintendent/Designee to determine educational placement of student)</i>
Sexual harassment/Inappropriate sexual behavior	1 day ISS - 10 days OSS
Theft	1 - 10 days OSS
Threats/Intimidation	1 - 10 days OSS
Vandalism	1 - 10 days OSS

Repeated violations may result in longer suspensions.

Repeated violations of the Standards of Student Conduct, repeated disruption of the school environment, weapons possession, and/or assault will be grounds for **expulsion**.

The decision of the superintendent or his/her designee regarding suspension for 10 days or less may be appealed to the school board unless the school board has provided by regulation that the decision of the division superintendent or his/her designee shall be final.

In the case of **suspension** for more than 10 days if the school board's regulations provide for a hearing by the superintendent or his/her designee, the regulations shall also provide for an appeal of the decision to the full school board. Such appeal shall be decided by the school board within 30 days. If the regulations of the school board provide for a hearing by a committee of the school board, the regulations shall also provide that such committee may confirm or disapprove the suspension. If the committee's decision is not unanimous, the student or his/her parent may appeal the committee's decision to the full school board. Such appeal shall be decided by the school board within 30 days.

In the case of **expulsion**, the school board shall confirm or disapprove the proposed expulsion regardless of whether the pupil has exercised the right to a hearing.

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