

### **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 may be in-school or out-of-school at the discretion of the principal. Suspensions longer than 10 days may be imposed only by the Board.

- a. Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:
- b. The student will be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against them;
- c. The student will be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s); and
- d. The student will be given an opportunity to present their 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 their version of the incident will be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/ guardians will 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 will also be sent to the Superintendent.

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

The parents/guardians and the student will may be required to schedule a conference with the building administrator/designee within the suspension period and prior to re-admittance to school or to regular classes.

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

Students serving in-school or out-of-school suspension will not be permitted to participate in co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRS §1001(9).  
20-A MRS §1001(8-A).

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