

Out of School Suspension

The building principal or designee may suspend a student from school for the period of time authorized by law for any of the following reasons:

1. noncompliance with District policies or school rules;
2. knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;
3. conduct while at school or under the supervision of a school authority which endangers the health, safety or property of others; or
4. conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority which endangers the health, safety or property of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority, or of any District employee or School Board member.

In addition, a student shall be suspended from school when required by law (e.g., possessing a firearm in violation of state law and Board policy).

All student suspensions from school must be reasonably justified and shall be administered in accordance with state law requirements.

Students may be offered an opportunity to voluntarily participate in a particular support program or intervention activity related to their misconduct as an alternative to suspension, or as an alternative consequence to serving a full suspension period, at the discretion of the building principal.

- Prior to any suspension, the student shall be advised of the reason for the proposed suspension.
- The student shall be provided opportunity to present his/her version of the conduct prior to a determination of the proposed suspension.
- The student may be suspended if the principal or designee determines that the pupil is guilty of noncompliance with rules or of the conduct charged and that the suspension is reasonably justified.
- The parent or guardian of a suspended minor student shall be given notice of the suspension and the reason for suspension.
- The suspended student or his/her parent or guardian may, within 5 days following notification of the suspension, have a conference with a school administrator other than the principal who ordered the suspension. IF the administrator finds that the pupil was suspended unfairly, that the suspension was inappropriate, or that the pupil suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension, reference to the suspension on the pupil's records shall be expunged. Such findings must be made within 15 days of the conference.
- A suspended student shall not be denied the opportunity to take any examinations missed during the suspension period.

Except as otherwise provided by law or policy, a student may be suspended for up to 15 days pending an expulsion hearing.

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- Students will be assigned to in-school suspension by school administrators.
- The administration will inform pertinent staff members of the names of those students assigned to in-school suspension.
- The administration will notify the parents/guardians ~~in writing*~~ that a student has been assigned to in-school suspension, giving the reason for such assignment. A conference may be held prior to the students' re-admittance to regular classes.
- Credit may be given for all assigned class work completed during the period of suspension. The student may also make up any test or quiz given during this suspension. Evaluation of the class work and test/quiz shall be done by the classroom teacher.
- The principal or designee ~~shall~~ may arrange appointments with a school counselor, social worker, psychologist, or other appropriate person for all students who are suspended.
- The administration will request a conference with the parents/guardians of those students suspended.
- Students may not attend or participate in extracurricular activities while under in-school suspension, at the discretion of the building administration.
- In-school suspensions shall last no more than five (5) days for a single disciplinary action.

Suspension from bus riding privileges are also processed under this policy.

The District shall not unlawfully discriminate in disciplinary actions, including suspensions and expulsions, on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, any physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other legally-protected status or classification. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.127](#)

[use of law enforcement records as sole basis for suspending or expelling students from school prohibited]

[Section 118.16\(4\)\(b\)](#)

[conditions for making up examinations and coursework missed during suspensions as per student attendance policy]

[Section 120.13\(1\)](#)

[board power to suspend or expel students from school]

Federal Laws

[20 U.S.C. Chapter 33](#) [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); programs and services for students with disabilities; includes requirements related to change of placements and

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providing continued educational services during period of expulsion; IDEA regulations at [34 C.F.R. Part 300](#)]

Cross References:

WASB PRG 447.3 Sample Policy 1

411-Rule (1), Student Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedures

447.1 Staff Use of Physical Force, Physical Restraint and Seclusion

447.11 Use of Seclusion and Restraint

447.2 Student Detention

447.31 In-school Suspensions

447.4 Student Expulsion and Early Reinstatement of Expelled Students

447.5 Student Discipline, Suspension, and Expulsion - Students with Disabilities

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