

447.2 STUDENT SUSPENSION

In accordance with state statutes, a student may be suspended by the school principal, for not more than five school days or, if an expulsion hearing is pending, for not more than a total of fifteen consecutive school days if it is determined:

1. That the student is guilty of violating a school rule or that while at school or under the supervision of a school authority endangered the property, health or safety of others.
2. That the student is guilty of 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. That the student is guilty of conduct while not at school or not under the supervision of a school authority, which endangers the property, health, or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority.
4. That the student is guilty of conduct while not at school or not under the supervision of a school authority, which endangers the property, health or safety of any employee or school board member of the school district in which the student is enrolled.

(Note: conduct that “endangers a person or property” includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.)

5. That the student is guilty of an offense where suspension is required by law such as the possession of a firearm while at school or under the supervision of a school authority.
6. That the student’s suspension is reasonably justified.

Prior to any suspension, the student will be advised of the reason for the proposed suspension and of the existence of any supporting evidence. The student will be given the opportunity to explain his or her version of the facts if the student denies the charges. If it is determined that the student is guilty of the misconduct charged and that the suspension is reasonably justified, the student will be suspended.

The parent or guardian of a minor student will be promptly notified of the suspension. The notice will include the reason for the suspension.

The suspended student or his/her parent or guardian may, within five school days following commencement of the suspension, have a hearing with the district administrator or designee who will be someone other than a principal, administrator, or teacher in the suspended student’s school.

If it is determined as a result of the hearing that the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly, or that the suspension was inappropriate, the suspension reference on the student’s school records will be expunged. Such determination will be made within 15 days of the hearing.

After readmission to school, the student will be allowed to take any quarterly, semester, or grading period examinations or complete any course work missed during the suspension period.

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