Section J: Students



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SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

In accordance with section 48(4) of the *Public Schools Act* the Principal may suspend a student who persists in conduct which the Principal deems injurious to the welfare of the school. A suspension by a Principal shall not exceed five (5) consecutive school days.

Where a Principal considers the conduct of a student to warrant action beyond the Principal's authorized limit (5 days), the Principal will communicate this recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools under separate cover.

In general, suspensions fall into three main categories:

- 1) for disobedience and misconduct,
- 2) for damaging school property,
- 3) truancy.

All school suspensions will be reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools who may modify or extend the suspension. A student may be suspended by the Superintendent for the reasons stated for a period not to exceed twenty (20) consecutive school days.

All school suspensions are reported to the Board of Trustees by the Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Trustees may further modify or extend the suspension.

The school Principal shall immediately notify the parents of a suspended student, followed within twenty-four hours by a statement or letter indicating the reason for and duration of the suspension. A copy of this statement shall be forwarded to the Superintendent within twenty-four hours on the appropriate form.

In the event that a student is suspended by the Superintendent, notification of parents is required as by the Principal.

Schools will develop written plans for students who have been suspended out of school more than two times during a school year.