



Suspension**

The Board authorizes student suspension for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Willful violation of Board policies, administrative regulations or school rules;
2. Willful conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the rights of others to an education;
3. Willful conduct which endangers the student, other students or staff members;
4. Willful conduct which damages or injures public charter school property.

The use of out-of-school suspension for discipline of a student in the fifth grade or below, is limited to:

1. Nonaccidental conduct causing serious physical harm to a student or employee;
2. When the school's executive director determines, based on the executive director's observation or upon a report from an employee, the student's conduct poses a threat to the health or safety of students or employees; or
3. When the suspension or expulsion is required by law.

When an out-of-school suspension is imposed on a student, the public charter school shall take steps to prevent the recurrence of the behavior that led to the out-of-school suspension, and return the student to a classroom setting to minimize the disruption of the student's academic instruction.

Students and parents are given notice of possible discipline actions result from student misconduct that may result in suspension in the *Student/Parent Handbook* made available by the public charter school.

Each suspension will include a statement of the reasons for suspension, the length of the suspension and a plan for readmission and may include a plan for the student to make up school work. No suspension shall extend beyond 10 school days. The public charter school may require a student to attend school during nonschool hours as an alternative to suspension. Every reasonable and prompt effort must be made to notify the parents of suspended students.

In emergency situations that are a result of risk to health and safety, the public charter school may postpone the suspension notice process above until the emergency condition has passed.

Students who are suspended may not attend after-school activities and athletic events, be present on public charter school property without a parent or participate in activities directed or sponsored by the public charter school.

Suspensions may be appealed to the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 338.115\(j\)](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-021-0065](#)

[OAR 581-021-0075](#)

Cross Reference(s):

JG - Student Discipline