

## **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 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 a school administrator determines, based on the administrator's observation or upon a report from an employee, the student's conduct poses a direct threat to the health or safety of students or employees; or
3. When the suspension is required by law.

When an out-of-school suspension is imposed on a student in the fifth grade or lower, the district 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 resulting from student misconduct that may result in suspension in the Student/Parent Handbook or Extracurricular Code of Conduct made available by the district.

Each suspension will include a statement of the reasons for suspension, the length of the suspension and a plan for readmission. No suspension shall extend beyond ten school days. Every reasonable and prompt effort must be made to notify the parents of suspended students. In special circumstances a suspension may be continued until some specific pending action occurs, such as a physical or mental examination, or incarceration by court action. The district may require a student to attend school during non-school hours as an alternative to suspension.

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

Students who are suspended may not attend after-school activities, athletic events, be present on district property or participate in activities directed or sponsored by the district.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 339.240](#)  
[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

JFC - Student Conduct  
JG - Student Discipline