

### **Discipline of Students with Disabilities\*\***

When considering student disciplinary procedures that may result in removal of the student, MESD follows all special education procedures and ensures the parent and the student are afforded the procedural safeguards of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) if:

1. The student is receiving IEP services;
2. For the student not yet identified as a student with a disability, MESD had knowledge that the student had a disability and needed special education.

For a violation of a code of conduct, MESD may remove a student with a disability from a current educational placement to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting, another setting, or suspension, for up to 10 school days in a school year to the same extent, and with the same notice, as for students without disabilities, if the removals do not constitute a pattern. MESD may remove a student with disabilities for additional periods of up to 10 days if the removals do not constitute a pattern. The determination regarding whether a series of removals constitutes a pattern is subject to review in an expedited due process hearing.

Disciplinary removal of a student with a disability constitutes a change in the student's educational placement when the removal is for more than 10 consecutive school days, or the removal is for more than 10 cumulative school days and constitutes a pattern of removals. When considering whether to order a disciplinary change of placement MESD may consider any unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis. Any decision to initiate a disciplinary change in placement requires a determination of whether the conduct leading to the disciplinary removal was caused by, or was substantially related to, the student's disability or was a direct result of MESD's failure to implement the student's IEP.

For a violation involving drugs, weapons or the infliction of serious bodily injury, MESD may remove a student with a disability from the student's current educational placement to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for the same amount of time that a student without a disability would be subject to discipline, but for not more than 45 school days in a school year without regard to whether the behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability. This removal is considered a change in placement.

MESD will provide educational services to a student who is suspended or expelled for more than 10 school days in a school year. These services may be provided in a different location or interim alternative educational setting as determined by the IEP and placement teams.

END OF POLICY

**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 326.565](#)

[ORS 326.575](#)

[ORS 336.187](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 339.252](#)

[ORS 339.260](#)

[ORS 343.177](#)

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, 20 U.S.C. § 1415 (k) (2006).

Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities, 34 CFR § 300.507 and § 300.508(a)-(c); §§ 300.510 - 300.514; §§ 300.530 - 300.536.