

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the superintendent or designee may suspend a student for:

- Acts of immorality
- Violations of policy or regulations
- Possession of an intoxicating beverage, low-point beer (See policy FNCE)
- Possession of missing or stolen property if the property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school during school activities
- Possession of a dangerous weapon or a controlled dangerous substance (Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act) (See policies FNCE and FNCGA)
- Possession of a firearm shall result in out-of-school suspension of not less than one year (See policy FNCGA)
- Any act which disrupts the academic atmosphere of the school, endangers or threatens fellow students, teachers, or officials or damages property
- Adjudication as a delinquent for a violent or non-violent offense

Before a student is suspended out-of-school, the principal shall consider and apply, if appropriate, alternative in-school placement options that are not to be considered suspension, such as placement in an alternative school setting, reassignment to another classroom, or in-school detention. A student suspended out-of-school shall be placed in a structured environment in either a home-based school work assignment setting or another appropriate setting in accordance with a plan prescribed by the school administration that provides education in accordance with the supporting regulations. Parents or guardians will be provided a copy of the education plan and will bear the responsibility of monitoring the student's educational progress until the student is readmitted to school. Students suspended from school shall be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Additionally, any student serving suspension during the time of graduation activities shall not be allowed to participate in or attend ceremonies or programs honoring graduates.

No school board member, administrator, or teacher may be held civilly liable for any action, taken in good faith, which is authorized by law under the provisions of this policy.

The superintendent is directed to establish regulations, subject to board approval, which support this policy. Such regulations shall include provisions for appeal of suspension to a suspension appeals committee and/or the board of education. The superintendent may delegate authority for suspensions of students to building principals.

A. Suspension

1. Students may be suspended from school, at the discretion of the administrator, for long or short terms for the following reasons: (this list is not all inclusive, other unacceptable behaviors may occur for which a student could be suspended).
 - a. Continued willful disobedience
 - b. Damaging or defacing school property or the property of others. (Students who damage property must clean up/repair and/or make monetary restitution before being allowed to return to school.)
 - c. Stealing (For official school fund raisers this may include failure to turn in products or money to pay for products, this may be grounds for suspension until full restitution is made.)
 - d. Immoral conduct
 - e. Possession of any electronic communication device including pagers, cellular telephones etc.
 - f. Gambling
 - g. Fighting

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- h. Leaving school grounds or activities at unauthorized times without permission from the office. Refusing to identify or falsely identifying one’s self to school personnel and/or entering without authority into classrooms or other school premises.
 - i. Immorality, profanity or obscenity (if a student has a question about whether or not something is immoral or obscene, it is the student’s responsibility to check with the principal)
 - j. Consistent violation of written school rules, regulations and/or policies.
 - k. Assault/battery
 - l. Possessing, using, transmitting or being under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind. Fake or “Turkey Drugs” or any substances represented to be drugs shall be considered drugs.
 - m. Conduct which jeopardizes the safety of others.
 - n. Conduct which disrupts, or leads to disruption of the operation of the school.
 - o. Habitual truancy
 - p. Not attending regularly scheduled classes.
 - q. Refusal to accept other discipline recommended by the Principal
 - r. Slander/libel
 - s. Defamation of character
 - t. False accusations
 - u. Inciting violence
 - v. Gang activities, including gang clothing, gang signs, tattoos, graffiti, etc.
 - w. Possession, threat, or use of a dangerous weapon (see definition section).
 - x. Possession of or use of tobacco (see definition section).
 - y. Possession, threat or use of a gun/firearm (see definition section)
 - z. Aiding and abetting any wrongful act(s) by not promptly informing school authorities
 - aa. Threatening others (students or staff)
 - bb. Failure or refusal to do school work and make progress to complete course work
 - cc. Harassment of others (sexual, physical, verbal and/or mental)
 - dd. Violation of the Internet Acceptable Use policy #315
 - ee. Other unacceptable behaviors which the student should have known were unacceptable.
- Students who are suspended may not participate in or attend any extra-curricular activities.

NOTE: 70 O.S. §24-104.1 and FERPA provides that a school district in which a student seeks to enroll may request student discipline records, and a school district must provide student discipline records upon request by another school district.

REFERENCE: 10 O.S. §7005-1.2
 10 O.S. §7303-5.3
 10 O.S. §7307-1.2
 37 O.S. §163.2
 70 O.S. §24-101.3, §24-102, §24-103, et seq.

THIS POLICY REQUIRED BY LAW.