

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

Procedure Title: Conduct/Discipline

Section Title: Suspension

Sub-Section No. 504.9a

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All students shall submit to the reasonable rules of the District. Refusal to comply with written rules and regulations established for the governing of the school or school-sponsored activities shall constitute sufficient cause for discipline, suspension, or expulsion. It is the intent of the Board to provide each student with those due process rights provided by law.

For the purposes of the District's policies relating to student conduct:

1. Short-term Suspension is the exclusion from school or individual classes for a specific period of up to five (5) school days.

The administration or designee of any school may temporarily or short-term suspend any pupil for disciplinary reasons, including student harassment, intimidation, or bullying, or for other conduct disruptive of good order or of the instructional effectiveness of the school as provided by Policies 504.9d and 504.9e. Prior to suspending any student, the administration or designee shall grant an informal hearing on the reasons for the suspension and the opportunity to challenge those reasons. Any pupil who has been suspended may be readmitted to the school by the school administration or designee who suspended him or her on reasonable conditions prescribed by the administration or designee.

2. Only the Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, or the Board can extend an initial short-term suspension for an additional ten (10) school days beyond the period of suspension assigned by the school administration.
3. Only the Board can further extend the suspension for an additional five (5) school days and only upon a finding that immediate return to school attendance by the suspended student would be detrimental to other pupils' health, welfare, or safety. Additional guidelines for long-term suspension are provided by Policy 504.9e.

Students with disabilities may also be suspended under these same rules if the suspension will not constitute a change in placement. If a student with a disabling condition accrues ten (10) or more school days of suspension, the Child Study Team who has knowledge of the student's disabling condition will determine if there is causal relationship between the disabling condition and the student's misconduct. If such a relationship exists, the student's educational placement may not be changed without parental approval or a court order, pending a due process hearing under IDEA.

Procedures for Suspension

In the event the proposed discipline of a student is to include denial of the right of school attendance from any single class or full schedule of classes for at least one day, the following procedure shall be used:

1. Before suspension, the student shall be provided a conference during which the charges will be explained, and the student will be given the opportunity to respond to the charges.
2. A pre-suspension conference is not required, and the student can be immediately suspended when the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing

