

# OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

## **SUSPENSION: CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE**

9080

*Reference: KRS 158.150*

*Relates to: Policy 9068, 9077, 9081*

1. All pupils admitted to Oldham County Schools shall comply with the lawful regulations for the governance of the schools.
2. A pupil shall not be suspended from any school until after at least the following due process procedures have been provided:
  - a. The pupil has been given oral or written notice of the charge or charges against them which constitute cause for suspension;
  - b. The pupil has been given an explanation of the evidence of the charge or charges if the pupil denies them; and
  - c. The pupil has been given an opportunity to present his/her own version of the fact related to the charge or charges.

These due process procedures shall precede any suspension from the Oldham County Schools unless immediate suspension is essential to protect persons or property or to avoid disruption of the ongoing academic process. In such cases, the due process procedures outlined above shall follow the suspension as soon as practical, but no later than three (3) school days after the suspension.
3. The principal of any school may suspend a pupil for up to three (3) days, but shall report such action in writing immediately to the superintendent or his/her designee and to the parent/guardian/custodian. The principal will notify the parent of the suspension immediately. If any student has been suspended three (3) times during one school year, any offense after the third suspension that would warrant suspension shall require that parent conference pursuant to Policy 9030 be held to consider a recommendation for expulsion.
4. A student does not have a right to representation prior to a suspension from school.
5. The superintendent may suspend a student for more than (3) days for serious offenses or pending a hearing for expulsion before the Board of Education.
6. Primary students shall not be suspended except where there are concerns for the safety of the child or others.
7. A student who is suspended from school shall not be permitted on school grounds or at school activities held off-campus during the period of suspension, unless the student has received express permission from the principal to do so.