

# ***Dell Rapids School District #49-3***



## **Policies and Regulations Code: JG – Students**

### **JG STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

The School Board has the authority to make reasonable and necessary rules governing the conduct of students in schools. Teachers, staff, and administrators will administer discipline within the guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education and other specific policies relating to student behavior and discipline as adopted from time to time by the School Board. The principal of each school will be responsible for informing both parents and students of the school rules at the opening of the school year, and the rules will be available from the schools. All students will be under the jurisdiction of these rules while in any school or other District buildings, on School District property, in District vehicles or school buses and at any school sponsored activity or event.

The teacher has the responsibility to maintain a suitable environment for learning, and the administrators have the responsibility for maintaining and facilitating the educational program. The teacher has the authority to send a student from class to an appropriate building principal for cause. The principal, superintendent, and School Board are authorized by statute to suspend students for cause. Copies of the rules will be made available to students and parents.

In order that infractions of the rules established for student conduct may be treated equitably and consistently, the School Board has approved Rules of Students Conduct and Discipline for the District's schools (part of this policy/regulation) and School Board policy JGD – Student Suspension and Expulsion.

Students shall be afforded the rights of fair procedure or due process. This includes the right to (1) be informed of conduct which could result in disciplinary action against the student; (2) notice of any rule violation; (3) explanation of the evidence supporting the charge; (4) an opportunity to present the student's side of the story; (5) a penalty that is appropriate to the violation.

Whenever a student identified as being in need of special education is subjected to long-term suspension or expulsion, a referral shall be made by the superintendent to a District placement committee. The placement committee shall determine whether the action, behavior, or activity which resulted in the long-term suspension or expulsion is the result of the student's disabling condition. A placement committee shall review the individual education plan and revise it if appropriate. Suspension of an eligible student may not exceed ten (10) days unless parental approval or a court order is obtained.

#### **LEGAL REF.:**

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