

ARTICLE IV. STUDENTS

Section 7. Levels of Discipline.

The Board recognizes that exclusion from the educational programs of the District for disciplinary purposes is a serious sanction. The following levels of discipline are permitted in the District.

Emergency Removal: A student may be removed from any class, subject, or activity for up to one (1) day by the student's teacher for certain conduct as specified in the Student Code of Conduct pursuant to MCL §380.1309. A student so removed will be allowed to attend other classes taught by other teachers during the term of the one (1) day removal.

Suspension: The Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or a building administrator may suspend a student for a period of up to sixty (60) days. Ordinarily a suspension will be imposed by a building administrator. An appeal process shall be described in the Student Code of Conduct.

Expulsion of 180 days or Less: The Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or a building administrator may expel a student for not less than 61 days nor more than 180 days. Ordinarily an expulsion will be imposed by a building administrator. An appeal process shall be described in the Student Code of Conduct.

Permanent Expulsion or Expulsion of Greater Than 180 Days: Only the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee may permanently expel a student or expel a student for greater than 180 days. An appeal process is described in this policy.

Removal of a Student From School Pending Investigation or Provision of Due Process. When an administrator deems it necessary, the administrator may remove from school a student charged with, suspected of committing, or suspected of being involved in, an infraction or incident, for a reasonable period of time necessary:

1. to complete the investigation of an alleged infraction or incident, or
2. to defuse a situation that could become worse without such removal, or
3. in unusual circumstances, to permit the student to be accorded due process, as defined in this policy, which shall be accorded as soon as possible thereafter, or
4. for other reason(s) as renders such a removal in the best interests of a particular student, a school, its students, or its staff.

Such a removal shall not constitute disciplinary action, although the infraction or incident may result in disciplinary action. If the infraction or incident that has prompted removal results in discipline, the time during which the student has been removed from school shall be credited to any disciplinary time imposed.