

## **STUDENT SUSPENSION (Including Students with Disabilities)**

To maintain order, minimize the risk of potential personal injury, property damage or disruption, or to permit an orderly investigation and evaluation of a suspected violation of school or school system rules, standards, or policies, principals may suspend a student. Before the suspension, the student will be afforded a minimal due process hearing with the school principal or designee as set forth in Policy JCAA. However, where a student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, such student may be immediately removed from school, and in such cases, the minimal due process set forth in Policy JCAA should follow as soon as practicable.

Suspension may also be imposed as a disciplinary measure as provided in the Code of Student Conduct. Suspensions will be counted as excused absences. Make up work will be permitted for such absences unless permitting such work under the circumstances would be impractical or impossible, would serve no purpose, would place school personnel at risk of harm, or would be unreasonable in light of the grounds for the suspension. Suspension of students with disabilities will be subject to applicable limitations and requirements imposed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its implementing regulations.

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