

Descriptor Term: DETENTION/EXTENDED SESSION

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Students of the Gulfport School District may be detained by teachers or the school principal as punishment, but time spent in detention must be used for productive learning purposes. A teacher who wishes to detain a student must notify the student's parents the day prior to the detention.

Elementary children below the third grade may not serve detention outside of normal school hours. Elementary children, grades 3-5, may serve detention only after the school has received the express permission of the parent. Pick-up by parents or other parent-approved arrangements for transporting detained students home will be the responsibility of the school principal. Time periods for detention are to be guided by the following recommendations: Elementary grades - 30 minutes per day not to exceed three days per week; middle school detention - 60 minutes per day not to exceed four days per week or 120 minutes per day not to exceed three days per week; high school - 60-120 minutes per day not to exceed four days per week.

Students may accumulate several hours of detention for the same or different reasons. No student, however, may accumulate more than twelve (12) hours of detention; that is, once a student has been assigned the maximum of twelve (12) hours of detention, the student must serve out those twelve (12) hours before he can be assigned additional hours.

Students may be detained as punishment for an offense (provided a productive learning purpose is also served by the detention) OR may be suspended as punishment for an offense, but in no case can a student be suspended AND detained for the same offense.