

Descriptor Term: EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION

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## I. Definition of Terms

1. Short-term suspension is the denial of school attendance for a period of ten (10) days or less.
2. Long-term suspension is the denial of school attendance for any period in excess of ten (10) days but less than the beginning of the next succeeding school year.
3. Expulsion is the denial of school attendance for a specific period of time through the beginning of the next succeeding school year or any permanent denial of school attendance. NOTE: Expulsion does not remove earned credits from the student, and correspondence credits or transfer credits from another school earned during the period of expulsion may be accepted to satisfy graduation requirements.

## II. Conduct Warranting Suspension or Expulsion

1. Any student in the Gulfport School District may be suspended or expelled for committing any of the offenses described in Policies JCD – Standards of Student Conduct; JBE – Truancy; JCDAC – Random Drug Screening Program or JCEC – Demonstrations and Strikes.
2. Any student suspended three (3) times during the same school year may, upon committing a fourth offense, be recommended for expulsion by his/her principal through the end of the current school year.

## III. Procedure

1. When a principal has reason to believe that a student may have committed an offense warranting short-term suspension, the principal will follow the procedure set forth in Policy JDD.
2. When a principal has reason to believe that a student may have committed an offense warranting long-term suspension or expulsion, the principal will follow the procedure set forth in Policy JCEB.
3. When a principal has reason to believe that a special education student may have committed an offense warranting suspension or expulsion, the principal will follow the procedure set forth in Policy JDDA.