

Descriptor Term: SUSPENSION – Short Term

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1. Short-term suspension (10 or fewer days) is the denial of the privilege of attending school in the Gulfport School District imposed after due process upon any student of the District at the direction of the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled.

Students under suspension will not trespass upon any other school campus or enter into any other school building except for a pre-arranged conference with a principal. Additionally, students under out-of-school suspension will not attend any day or night school functions.

2. When unacceptable behavior cannot be corrected by the resources of the school, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the school principal or his designee to suspend any student for violation of any published rule or regulation or for any other act of misconduct or insubordination as a final effort to influence the student's future behavior.

3. Short-term Suspension Period:

- a. The principal or his designee may suspend students for a period not to exceed five (5) school days.
- b. The principal, with the approval of the Superintendent, may suspend students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days.

4. Due Process:

- a. Students facing suspension will be given oral or written notice of the charges against him/her by the principal or his designee.
- b. If the student denies the charges, he/she will be given an explanation of the evidence that the principal or his designee has against him/her and will be given an opportunity to present his/her side of the story.

5. In all cases of suspension, the parent or guardian appointed by the Chancery Court will be notified in writing within twenty-four hours of such suspensions giving the reason therefore.
6. If a student is to be sent home during normal school hours, a parent or guardian will be notified before the student is dismissed. No student will be sent home during normal school hours unless a parent or guardian appointed by the Chancery Court has first been notified.
7. Principals must make a written report of each suspension to the Superintendent.
8. Suspension in excess of ten (10) school days may be given only by action of the Board of Trustees and then only after such student has been afforded notice, opportunity of a hearing, and other procedural rights consistent with state and federal due process requirements.
9. Parents or guardians of students on suspension for 3 or more days must confer with school officials before the students are readmitted to school.

Each school principal will give written rules of conduct to each student each year.

Note: Mississippi Code 1972, 7-7-301 (e) Goss v. Lopez 419 U.S. 565 Tinkerv. Des Moines 393 U.S. 503