Policy

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

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The board acknowledges that serious or persistent breaches of acceptable standards of behavior may result in suspension from school, in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and district policy. The district will provide due process of law to students whose misconduct may result in suspension, as well as to their parents/legal guardians.

Suspension is the exclusion of a student from school, school grounds, school activities (including activities occurring during the school day, after school, or night school), or riding a school bus for a period of time not to exceed 10 school days for any one offense or 30 days in any one school year.

A student suspended from school may only enter the school or school grounds for a prearranged conference with the principal.

The district may provide educational services in an alternative education setting or virtually to a student suspended under this policy.

In accordance with state law, the board may suspend a student from school for commission of any crime, gross immorality, gross misbehavior, persistent disobedience, or for violation of rules and regulations. The board may also suspend a student when the presence of the student is detrimental to the best interest of the school. The board delegates this power of suspension to the school principal or his/her designee.

The board will review a suspension that occurs within the last 10 days of the school year which would make a student ineligible to receive credit for the school year unless the presence of the student constitutes an actual threat to a class or a school.

Whenever a student who is classified as disabled commits a suspendable offense, the principal or his/her designee will confer with the superintendent or ***his/her designee*** as appropriate before initiating suspension procedures.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended
   1. Section 59-19-90(3) – Gives district trustees authority to prescribe rules of pupil conduct, including provisions for suspension or dismissal of those failing to comply with such rules.
   2. Section 59-63-210, et seq. – Grounds for suspension, expulsion or transfer.
   3. Section 59-63-240 – Expulsion hearings – times, procedures, legal rights appeals.