

## Suspension

Suspension is the temporary removal of a student from school for any of the reasons provided below.

- Assault or battery on a school employee
- Assault or battery on another student
- Verbal abuse or intimidation and/or use of curse words resulting in a threat to a staff member or another student
- Racial or sexual harassment
- Physical abuse on another person
- Violation of authority and behavioral guidelines
- Immoral conduct
- Theft, loss, or destruction of school or private property (tagging, vandalism, graffiti, etc.)
- Arson
- Weapons and/or simulated weapons
- Gross insubordination – refusal to follow direction given by a school staff member
- Drugs, alcoholic beverages: sale, use, distribution, under the influence, or possession
- Tobacco: sales, use, distribution, or possession
- Robbery/extortion
- Habitual violation of electronics use policy
- Gang related activity
- Violation of law
- Disruption of the flow of instruction in a classroom
- Ditching class, leaving class without permission, and/or habitually tardy to class
- Habitual disciplinary status
- Sale or distribution of items on campus for the sole purpose of individual profit

The length of a suspension will depend on the circumstances and the severity of the infraction. It will also depend on previous disciplinary actions involving the child during the school year. The typical suspension could be from one to five days.

The administrator for all formal suspension instances will use a Notice of Suspension. Within three to five (3-5) school days of an extended or emergency suspension, a conference will be held with the parent/guardian and administrator to discuss the events surrounding the suspension itself. No student will be suspended for more than ten (10) school days before a decision or recommendation is made to return the student to class or to recommend further disciplinary procedures. This meeting affords the school, parent, and student the opportunity to due process for discussing the findings and the recommendation to be made.

Students suspended for:

- Assault or battery to an employee or other student
- Using, selling, possession, under the influence, or attempting to distribute alcohol or drugs on campus
- Arson
- Disrupting the flow of instruction

- Possession of a weapon on campus
- Immoral conduct or gross insubordination
- Sexual harassment or behavior
- Gang affiliation/related actions or behaviors
- Vandalism

are not allowed on campus for any reason without the express prior permission of the school's administrator. Emergency measure will be used to suspend the student pending an investigation for these behaviors.

Any student placed on suspension will be read the following statement and the student will verify comprehension by signing the Notice of Suspension Form.

***As the duly appointed representative of the owner of all school property, I hereby warn you that should you come on this property during the term of suspension without the express prior permission of the principal, you will be duly noted as trespassing upon the property as defined by the Nevada Revised Statute 207.200 and will be subject to arrest for a misdemeanor.***

Prior to sending the child home on suspension, a school official will contact the parent/guardian and the infraction committed will be explained. It will be noted by the school official that the student has been able to relay his/her side of the story to the principal, thus giving the child his/her first due process rights.

A request for a Required Parent Conference and/or Temporary Removal From School Form may be used by administration when a parent conference is required before the re-admittance of the student to class. This will not be the case in all student suspensions; rather this depends upon the severity of the infraction. The loss of school days will be kept to a minimum in order to ensure students continue to receive educational services. The teachers will provide homework and class work in an effort to continue to provide instruction for the student while he/she is off campus. All days of suspension count toward the maximum allowable days for students with disabilities. Upon reaching the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day, a Manifestation Determination will be held to discuss the infraction and the disability status of the student.

### **Suspension Appeal**

The parent may appeal the suspension or request an alternate consequence with the Dean and/or Administrator by calling the school office and/or scheduling an appointment. If necessary, the appeal meeting will take place on the designated date and at the designated time in the school's administrative offices. The Chief Educational Officer's decision will be final.