

## West Bonner County School District

### STUDENTS

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#### Corrective Actions and Punishment

All students shall submit to the reasonable rules of the District. Refusal to comply with written rules and regulations established for the governing of the school shall constitute sufficient cause for discipline, suspension, or expulsion.

For the purposes of the District's policies relating to corrective action or punishment:

1. "Temporary Suspension" is the exclusion from school or individual classes for a specific period of up to five (5) school days.

The Superintendent or the Principal of any school may temporarily suspend any pupil for disciplinary reasons, including student harassment, intimidation or bullying, or for other conduct disruptive of good order or of the instructional effectiveness of the school. Prior to suspending any student, the Superintendent or Principal shall grant an informal hearing on the reasons for the suspension and the opportunity to challenge those reasons. Any pupil who has been suspended may be readmitted to the school by the Superintendent or Principal who suspended him or her on reasonable conditions prescribed by the Superintendent or Principal.

2. "Extended Temporary Suspension" is the exclusion from school or individual classes for an additional ten (10) school days. Only the Superintendent (or the Board) can extend an initial temporary suspension.
3. "Prolonged Temporary Suspension" is the exclusion from school or individual classes for an additional five (5) school days. Only the Board can extend a temporary suspension for an additional five (5) days and only upon a finding that immediate return to school attendance by the temporarily suspended student would be detrimental to other pupils' health, welfare or safety.
4. "Expulsion" is the exclusion from school. Only the Board has the authority to expel or deny enrollment to any pupil who is an habitual truant, who is incorrigible, whose conduct is such as to be continuously disruptive of school discipline or of the instructional effectiveness of the school, or whose presence is detrimental to the health and safety of other pupils or who has been expelled from another school district in the State of Idaho or any other state. The District will provide written notice of any student who is expelled or denied enrollment to the prosecuting attorney within five (5) days of the Board's actions.

No pupil shall be expelled nor denied enrollment without the Board of Trustees having first given written notice to the parent or guardian of the pupil stating the grounds for the

proposed expulsion or denial of enrollment and the time and place where such a parent or guardian may appear to contest the action of the Board. The notice shall also state the rights of the pupil to be represented by counsel, to produce witnesses and submit evidence on his own behalf, and to cross-examine any adult witnesses who may appear against him. Within a reasonable period of time following such notification, the Board of Trustees shall grant the pupil and his or her parents or guardian a full and fair hearing on the proposed expulsion or denial of enrollment. However, the Board shall allow a reasonable period of time between notification and the hearing to allow the pupil and his or her parents or guardian to prepare their response to the charge.

5. “Discipline” constitutes all other forms of corrective action or punishment, including brief exclusions from a class for not more than the remainder of the class period and exclusion from any other type of activity conducted by or for the District. Discipline shall not adversely affect specific academic grade, subject, or graduation requirements, as long as all required work is performed.

Except in extreme cases, students will not be expelled unless other forms of corrective action or punishment have failed, or unless there is good reason to believe that other forms of corrective action or punishment would fail if employed. Suspensions or expulsions shall be used only for instances of serious student misconduct.

Students with disabilities may also be suspended under these same rules if the suspension will not constitute a change in placement. If a student with a disabling condition accrues ten (10) or more day’s suspension per incident, the Child Study Team who has knowledge of the student’s disabling condition will determine if there is causal relationship between the disabling condition and the student’s misconduct. If such a relationship exists, the student’s educational placement may not be changed without parental approval or a court order, pending a due process hearing under IDEA.

Likewise, before a recommendation on the expulsion of a disabled student is submitted to the Board, the Child Study Team must meet to determine if there is a causal relationship between the disabling condition and the student’s misconduct. The Board shall consult legal counsel before expelling any disabled student.

When a disabled student is acting in such a way that he/she poses a danger to himself/herself or to another student or property, or substantially disrupts his/her educational program or that of other students, an emergency suspension may take place. Emergency suspensions may not last longer than ten (10) school days. The principal shall convene the Team for reviewing the student’s record before the student is readmitted to school and no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of suspension.

Once a student is expelled in compliance with District policy, the expulsion shall be brought to the attention of appropriate local or state authorities, in order that such authorities may address the student’s needs.

No student shall be expelled, suspended, or disciplined in any manner for any act not related to the orderly operation of the school or school-sponsored activities or any other aspect of the educational process.

Cross Reference: 3360                      Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq.    Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
                  I.C. § 33-205            Denial of school attendance  
                  I.C. § 33-512            Governance of schools  
                  I.C. § 33-1631          Requirements for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying  
   Information and Professional Development

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