

447.3 STUDENT SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

The School Board has the responsibility of furnishing opportunities for the best possible education for every student for as long as he/she can profit from attendance, providing that the student's attendance and conduct are compatible with the welfare of the group.

Suspension

A student may be suspended for a violation of reasonable and lawful school rules or conduct while at school or under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the health, safety, or property of others. A student may be suspended for knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property using explosives.

A student may be suspended for conduct while not at school or not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of any student, employee, or School Board member of the school District.* Also, a student shall be suspended and shall be brought to the School Board for possible expulsion from school when he/she is determined to have possessed a firearm while at school or under supervision of a school authority without the prior permission of the building principal or District Administrator.

The principal shall be delegated the power to suspend a student for a period not to exceed five school days as provided by law. All suspensions shall be reported to the District Administrator. A student may be suspended for up to fifteen consecutive days when an expulsion hearing is pending. Students with a disability may be suspended for a period of time consistent with state and federal laws.

Before the suspension, the student shall be advised of the reason(s) for the action and shall be allowed to present his/her side of the story. The parent or guardian of a minor student shall be given prompt notice, stating the reason(s) for the suspension. The suspended pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian may, within five school days following the commencement of the suspension, have a conference with the District Administrator. Such meeting and possible outcomes are outlined in the State Statute 120.13(1)(b). Suspended students must be allowed to make up all major exams.

Expulsion

The Board may expel a student from school when it finds the student guilty of repeated refusal or neglect to obey school rules or regulations; or finds that the student engaged in conduct while at school, or while under the supervision of a school authority, which endangers the property, health or safety of others; or finds that a student while not at school or under the supervision of a school authority engaged in conduct which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority; or for knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property utilizing explosives; and is satisfied the interest of the school demands the student's expulsion.

The Board may expel a student for conduct while not at school or not under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health, or safety of any employee or school board members;* and repeatedly engaging in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that disrupted the ability of school authorities to maintain order or an educational atmosphere at school or an activity supervised by the school authority, and such conduct does not constitute grounds for expulsion as listed above. Also, a student shall be expelled from school for not less than one year following the law, when it finds a student while at school or under supervision of a school authority possessed a firearm.

Expulsion procedures as established in the state statutes shall be considered as part of this policy.

*Conduct that endangers a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 120.13(1) (School Government Rules;
Suspension; Expulsion)

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