

**SERIES 400
STUDENTS**

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STUDENT SUSPENSIONS/EXPULSIONS

Suspension

Each principal and/or the principal's designee is authorized to suspend a student from school for the maximum number of school days allowed by state law. A student may be suspended from school if it is determined that the student:

1. Violated a school or Board rule;
2. Knowingly conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;
3. Engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others. Conduct that endangered a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property;
4. Engaged in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority. Conduct that endangered a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property;
or
5. Endangered the property, health or safety of any employee or Board member of the school district in which the student is enrolled. Conduct that endangered a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.

A student shall be suspended from school for possessing a firearm on school premises or while under school supervision in accordance with state law and Board policy. In addition, a student shall be suspended from school when required by law.

Prior to any suspension, the student shall be advised of the reason for the proposed suspension and any supporting evidence. The student shall be given the opportunity to explain his/her version of the facts if the student denies the charges. If it is determined that the student is guilty of the misconduct charged and that the suspension is reasonably justified, the student shall be suspended. If the student is a minor, his/her parent/guardian shall be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason for the suspension.

The Superintendent or any principal or teacher designated by him/her shall have the power to suspend a student for not more than five school days, except as otherwise specifically provided by law. If a notice of an expulsion hearing has been sent, a student may be suspended for not more than a total of 15 consecutive school days or up to 10 consecutive school days if the student

has a disability. The building principal or designee shall determine whether the suspension will be served in or out of school.

A suspended student shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester or grading period examinations or to complete course work missed during the suspension period.

A meeting shall be required between the administrator/designee suspending the student, the student and a parent/guardian of the student prior to the student returning to school or as soon as possible after the student's return.

No student who is under suspension shall be present within any school building or upon any school grounds under the jurisdiction of the Board during the period of suspension except when the right of the suspended student to be in any school building or upon any school grounds is guaranteed by law.

Expulsion

The Board may expel a student from school when it finds:

1. The student is guilty of repeated refusal or neglect to obey school rules or regulations;
2. The student knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives;
3. The student engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others. Conduct that endangered a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property;
4. The student while not at school or while not 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. Conduct that endangered a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property;
5. The student endangered the property, health or safety of any employee or Board member of the school district in which the student is enrolled. Conduct that endangered a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property; or
6. The student is at least 16 years old and repeatedly engaged 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 at an activity supervised by a school authority and that such conduct does not constitute grounds for expulsion under any reasons outlined above; and
7. The Board is satisfied that the interest of the school demands the student's expulsion.

Possessing a dangerous weapon while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority shall result in expulsion proceedings as outlined in state law. The term “dangerous weapon” means a weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury. In addition, a student shall be expelled from school when required by law.

Expulsion procedures shall be carried out in accordance with state law. The Board shall expel a student from school for not less than one year whenever it finds that the student possessed a firearm on school premises or while under school supervision as required by law.

No student who is under expulsion shall be present within any school building or upon any school grounds under the jurisdiction of the Board during the period of expulsion except when the right of the expelled student to be in any school building or upon any school grounds is guaranteed by law.

If a student who has been expelled seeks to enroll in another school district during the term of his or her expulsion, upon request, the district shall provide the school board of the other school district with a copy of the expulsion findings and order, a written explanation of the reasons why the student was expelled and the length of the term of the expulsion.

The board may specify conditions in a student expulsion order that would allow the student to be reinstated to school early before the end of the term of his/her expulsion. The early reinstatement conditions shall be related to the reasons for the expulsion and shall be enforced in accordance with state law requirements.

Legal References: Sections 118.16(4) Wisconsin Statutes
120.13(1)

Cross Reference: Board Rule 431, Student Attendance Procedures

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