

Students

Suspension

The Superintendent or his/her designee are authorized to initiate and carry out suspensions of students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct in the District schools or at school functions. The Superintendent or his/her designee are also authorized to suspend students who are guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct on the school bus from riding the school bus.

Student suspensions shall be for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days, except that a student suspended from riding the school bus may be suspended by the Board in excess of ten (10) days for safety reasons.

Students and parents shall be afforded the following procedural protection:

1. Prior to suspension, the student shall be provided oral or written notice of the charges against him/her and the proposed disciplinary action. The student shall also be given an explanation of the evidence against him/her and an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident.
2. Prior notice and hearing as stated above may not be required and the student immediately suspended, when the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disruption to the educational process. In such cases, the necessary notice and hearing shall follow as soon as practicable.
3. Any suspension of a student shall be reported immediately to the parents or guardian of the student. Such report shall contain a full statement of the reasons for the suspension, the length of the suspension and a notice to the parents or guardian of their right to review. A copy of such notice shall also be given to the Board.
4. Upon request of the parents or guardian, a hearing shall be conducted by the Board or a hearing officer appointed by it to review the suspension. At the hearing, the parents or guardian of the student may appear with the student to discuss the suspension with the Board or its hearing officer. If a hearing officer is appointed by the Board, he/she shall report to the Board a written summary of the evidence heard at the meeting. After its hearing or upon receipt of the report of its hearing officer, the Board may take such action as it finds appropriate.

Gross disobedience or misconduct of students shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Disobedience of directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations governing student conduct.
2. Possession, use, distribution, purchase, sale or being under the influence of illicit drugs and/or alcoholic beverages.
3. Injury or threat of injury to any School District employee, official, or student.
4. Destruction and/or defacement of any school property.

5. Possession, use, or distribution of a dangerous weapon.
6. Repeated use of profanity in the presence of a staff member or another student.
7. Any other conduct which poses a danger to persons or property or disrupts the educational process.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-22.6(b) (105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b);
Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)

CROSS REF.: 7.130 and 7.190

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