

STUDENTS SUSPENSIONS

Any student attending an SAU #21 school who does not conform with the standards of orderly conduct prescribed by these rules and regulations shall be subject to suspension or dismissal for gross misconduct or for neglect or for refusal to conform to the reasonable rules of the school.

Conduct specifically prohibited shall include, but not be limited to, habitual truancy, verbal or physical abuse toward any student or faculty members, possession of controlled drugs and/or alcoholic beverages on school property, disrupting classroom atmosphere, causing disturbances among other students in attendance, smoking on school property, possessing a weapon on school property, etc.

I. Suspension

- a. The Superintendent or chief administering officer, or a representative designated (usually the Principal) in writing by the Superintendent, is authorized to suspend pupils from school for a period not to exceed 10 school days for gross misconduct or for neglect or refusal to conform to the reasonable rules of the school.
- b. The School Board or a representative designated in writing of the School Board (usually the Superintendent) is authorized, following a hearing, to continue the suspension of a pupil for a period in excess of 10 school days. The School Board's designee may be the Superintendent or any other individual, but may not be the individual who suspended the pupil for the first 10 days under subparagraph (a). Any suspension shall be valid throughout the school districts of the state, subject to modification by the Superintendent of the school district in which the pupil seeks to enroll.
- c. Any suspension in excess of 10 school days imposed under subparagraph (b) by any person other than the School Board is appealable to the School Board, provided that the Superintendent received such appeal in writing within 10 days after the issuance of the decision being appealed. The School Board shall hold a hearing on the appeal, but shall have discretion to hear evidence or to rely upon the record of a hearing conducted under subparagraph (b). The suspension under subparagraph (b) shall be enforced while that appeal is pending, unless the School Board stays the suspension while the appeal is pending.

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- II. Any pupil may be expelled from school by the local School Board for gross misconduct, or for neglect or refusal to conform to the reasonable rules of the school, or for an act of theft, destruction, or violence as defined in RSA 193-D:1, or for possession of a pellet or BB gun or rifle, and the pupil shall not attend school until restored by the local Board. Any expulsion shall be subject to review if requested prior to the start of each school year and further, any parent or guardian has the right to appeal any such expulsion by the local board to the State Board of Education. Any expulsion shall be valid throughout the school districts of the state.

- III. Any pupil who brings or possesses a firearm as defined in section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code in a safe school zone as defined in RSA 193 D:1 without written authorization from the Superintendent or designee shall be expelled from school by the local School Board for a period of not less than 12 months. The 12-month period may be modified by the Superintendent on a case by case basis.

Due process and notification rights are described in ED 307: Safe School Zone rules.

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