

Section J: Students

JKD Suspension of Students

The Region 8 Board delegates the Director/designee the authority to suspend students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspensions longer than ten (10) days may be imposed by the Board.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against them;
- B. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s); and
- C. The student shall be given an opportunity to present their version of the incident.

However, students whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the instructional process may be immediately removed from school. In such cases, the notice of charges, explanation of evidence and the student's opportunity to present their version of the incident shall be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/guardians shall be notified of the suspension as soon as practicable by telephone (if possible) and by written notice sent by mail. The student's sending school will be notified of the suspension as soon as practicable.

The parents/guardians and the student may be required to schedule a conference with the Director/designee within the suspension period and prior to re-admittance to school.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. After re-admittance, they shall be permitted to take tests or any other form of evaluation affecting their grades.

Legal References: 20-A M.R.S. 1001.9

Cross Reference: JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JK – Student Discipline

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