Policy

**SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS**

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The board acknowledges that serious breaches of acceptable standards of behavior may result in suspension from school in accordance with applicable state and federal law and regulation and district policy. The district will provide due process of law to students whose misconduct may result in suspension and to their parents/legal guardians.

*Suspension* is the exclusion of a student from school and school activities for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) school days for any one offense or thirty (30) days in any one (1) school year. For purposes of this policy, suspension may mean either suspension from school or in-school suspension.

**Delegation of Authority**

In accordance with state law, the board may suspend a student from school for commission of any crime, gross misbehavior, persistent disobedience, or for violation of rules and regulations. The board may also suspend a student when the presence of the student is detrimental to the best interest of the school.The board delegates this power of suspension to the school principal or his/her designee.

**Board Review of a Suspension**

Board review of suspensions is discretionary. However, the board will review a suspension that occurs within the last ten (10) days of the school year which would make a student ineligible to receive credit for the school year unless the presence of the student constitutes an actual threat to a class or a school.

**Suspension of Students with Disabilities**

Whenever a student with disabilities commits a suspendable offense, the principal or his/her designee will confer with the (*insert job title of the individual who coordinates the district’s special education program*) before initiating suspension procedures which would result in a suspension in excess of ten (10) consecutive days or a pattern of cumulative suspensions which constitute a change in placement in accordance with policy JICDA, *Code of Conduct*.

Adopted ^

Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-19-90(3) - Authority of board to regulate student conduct.

1. Section 59-63-210, *et seq*. - Grounds for suspension, expulsion, or transfer.