

## **Student Suspension or Expulsion**

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The Board of Trustees may suspend or expel a student from school for up to one year for any reason authorized by the Wyoming Education Code, specifically including, but not limited to:

1. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of the authority of school personnel;
2. Willful destruction or defacing of school property during the school year or any recess or vacation;
3. Any behavior, which in the judgment of the Board of Trustees is clearly detrimental to the education, welfare, safety or morals of other pupils, including the use of foul, profane or abusive language or habitually disruptive behavior as defined by W.S. '21-4-306(b);
4. Torturing, tormenting, or abusing a pupil or in any way maltreating a pupil or a teacher with physical violence;
5. Continued disruption of the educational process so that others have difficulty learning.

The Board delegates to each principal the right to suspend a student for not more than ten (10) school days on the grounds listed above. The Board or the superintendent may expel a student. The superintendent shall be notified by the principals of all out-of-school suspensions and cases which warrant expulsion consideration.

Prior to suspending a student from school, the principal shall inform the student of the reasons for the suspension and the evidence against him and shall give the student a chance to present his version of the charges against him and to present evidence in his behalf.

However, if the student's behavior endangers persons or property or threatens to disrupt the educational program, the student may be suspended immediately. The student will then be given a chance to be heard as soon thereafter as practical, not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the suspension, not counting Saturdays and Sundays.

Administration shall make a good faith attempt to notify the student's parents, guardians or custodians within twenty-four (24) hours of the student's suspension or expulsion and the reasons for the suspension or expulsion, using contact information on record with the school or district. A record of the efforts to provide notice under this paragraph and whether the notice was provided successfully shall be kept.

No student may be suspended for more than ten (10) days or expelled without an opportunity for a hearing, if requested. The hearing shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Rules of Practice Governing Hearings and Contested Cases found in Policy BEE-R.

Suspension or expulsion from school shall not be imposed as an additional punishment for offenses punishable under the laws of the state, except where the offense was committed at a school function or is of such a nature that continuation in school would be detrimental to the welfare, safety or morals of other pupils.

No suspension or expulsion shall be for longer than one (1) year.

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