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Suspension

The Superintendent or his designee are authorized to suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (and all school functions) for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. The student and/or parents are due the following procedural protections:

1. Prior to suspension, the student shall be provided oral or written notice of the charges. If the charges are denied the student shall be given an explanation of the evidence against him 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 education process. In such cases, the necessary notice and hearing shall follow as soon as practicable;
3. Any suspension 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 and a notice to the parents to the parents or guardian of their right to review. In addition, the School Board President shall be notified of said suspension; and
4. Upon request of the parent(s) or guardian(s), a hearing shall be conducted by the School Board or a hearing officer appointed by it to review the suspension. The hearing, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student may appear and discuss the suspension with the Board or its hearing officer. If a hearing officer is appointed by the Board, he 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 the 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 if found to be 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 attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property;

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6. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property; and
7. Other such conduct that poses a danger to persons or property or disrupts the educational process.