

STUDENTS

Corrective Actions or Punishment

All students shall submit to the adopted rules of the school district. Refusal to comply with written rules and regulations established for the governing of the school shall constitute sufficient cause for discipline, suspension or expulsion. Corrective actions and/or punishment for misconduct must reflect good faith efforts on the part of the staff.

For the purposes of the district's policies relating to corrective actions or punishment:

1. "Expulsion" is the exclusion from school or individual classes for an indefinite period.
2. "Emergency Expulsion" is the immediate removal of a student from school for actions which endanger students, staff or the educational process.
3. "Suspension" is the exclusion from school, individual classes or other school activities for a specific period of time, after which the student has a right to return.
 - a. A suspension is "short term" if it is for a period of ten (10) consecutive school days or less. Separate short-term suspensions shall not total more than ten (10) school days in a semester for any student in grades kindergarten through four. Separate short-term suspensions shall not total more than fifteen (15) days in a semester for a student in any other grade. Students' grades shall not be affected substantially as a result of a short-term suspension.
 - b. Suspensions which exceed ten (10) consecutive school days are long-term suspensions.
4. "Discipline" constitutes all other forms of corrective action or punishment, including brief exclusions from a class for not more than the remainder of the class period, including exclusion from any other type of activity conducted by or for the school district. Discipline shall not adversely affect specific academic grade, subject, or graduation requirements, so long as all required work is performed.

Prior to the imposition of a corrective action or punishment upon a special education student, the school principal and special education staff who have knowledge of the student's disability will determine if there is a causal relationship between the disability and the misconduct giving rise to the corrective action or punishment. When a relationship is found to exist, special education programming procedures shall be employed.

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No student shall be suspended or expelled unless other forms of corrective action or punishment reasonably calculated to modify his/her conduct have failed or unless there is good reason to believe that other forms of corrective action or punishment would fail if employed. Suspensions or expulsions shall be used only for instances of serious student misconduct.

Once a student is expelled in compliance with district policy, the expulsion shall be brought to the attention of appropriate local and state authorities, including, but not limited to, the local juvenile authorities acting pursuant to the statutes dealing with the Basic Juvenile Court Act, in order that such authorities may address the student's educational needs.

No pupil shall be expelled, suspended, or disciplined in any manner for the performance of or failure to perform any act not related to the orderly operation of the school or school-sponsored activities or any other aspect of the educational process.

The superintendent and/or designee shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or expel students. The superintendent shall identify the conditions under which a teacher may exclude a student for all or any portion of a school day and shall also designate which employees have the authority to initiate or to impose discipline, suspensions or expulsions. Letters of suspension and expulsion shall be permanently placed in the student's cumulative file.

Legal Reference: [RCW 28A.600.010](#)

 [28A.600.040](#)
 [28A.600.030](#)
 [WAC 180-40-205](#)
 [WAC 392-172-370](#)

Government of Schools, Pupils,
Employees, Rules and Regulations
For--Due Process Guarantees--
Enforcement
Pupils to Comply with Rules
Grading Policies
Definitions
Disciplinary Exclusion

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