

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- I. The Board of Education's designated representatives may suspend any student for noncompliance with school rules as established and/or approved by the Board, and if it is determined that the suspension is reasonably justified.
- II. Suspension – State statutes require the student must be suspended for possession of a firearm, as defined by federal law, while at school or under the supervision of a school authority. A student may be suspended for engaging in the following conduct, which may involve but not limited to noncompliance with rules established or approved by the Board or outlined in student handbooks, handouts, or the Student Rights and Responsibilities manual.
 - A. Noncompliance with rules created by the Superintendent or principal with the consent of the Board.
 - B. Knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of an explosive.
 - C. Conduct by the student while at school, which endangers the property, health, and/or safety of others.
 - D. Conduct by the student while under the supervision of a school authority, which endangers the property, health, and/or safety of others.
 - E. Conduct by the student while not at school or not under the supervision of a school authority, which endangers the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority.
 - F. Conduct by the student while not at school or not under school supervision, which endangers the property, health, and/or safety of any employee or Board member of the School District in which the student is enrolled.
- III. The Superintendent, school principal, or assistant principal may suspend a student for not more than 5 consecutive school days for conduct as outlined above. A suspension may be extended to 15 days if the administration has sent a notice of expulsion hearing to the student and his/her parents as required by law. Students who are currently identified as children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may not be suspended for more than 10 consecutive days, except as otherwise provided consistent with law.

- IV. Prior to the suspension
 - A. the student shall be advised of the reasons(s) for the action;
 - B. the student shall be given an opportunity to present the student's version of the situation;
 - C. parent or guardian of the minor student will be given prompt written notice stating the reason(s) for the suspension;
 - D. the administration will inform the student of the suspension, as well as reserve the right of possible expulsion recommendation to the Board.
- V. If a building administrator deems it appropriate, the parents/guardians may be requested to have a conference with the Superintendent or designee prior to readmission. A suspended student shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester or grading period examinations missed or to complete coursework missed during the suspension period.
- VI. Appeals of Suspensions – The suspended student or the student's parent or guardian may within 5 school days following the commencement of the suspension, have a conference with the Superintendent or designee. The designee must be someone other than the principal, assistant principal, or teacher in the student's school.
- VII. If the Superintendent or designee finds the student was unfairly or unjustly suspended, reference to the suspension on the student's school record shall be expunged. Such finding shall be made within 15 calendar days of the conference.
- VIII. Expulsion – The Board may expel a student when it finds the student guilty of any 1 of the following offenses and is satisfied that the interest of the District demands the student's expulsion.
 - A. Repeated refusal or neglect to obey the rules.
 - B. Knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of an explosive.
 - C. Conduct by the student while at school or while under supervision, which endangered the property, health, and/or safety of others at school.

- D. Conduct by the student while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority, which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority.
 - E. Conduct by the student while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority, which endangered the property, health, and/or safety of any employee or Board member of the District in which the student is enrolled.
 - F. If grounds A-E do not apply, conduct by a student who is sixteen (16) years of age or older while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that disrupted the ability of school authorities to maintain order or an educational atmosphere at school or at an activity supervised by a school authority.
- IX. In addition to the above, students must be expelled for not less than 1 year for possession of a firearm as defined by federal law while at school or while under the supervision of school authority.
- X. The Board reserves the right to determine the appropriate length of the expulsion period.
- XI. Consideration for Expulsion of Students with a Disability – If a student is identified as a child with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the District will comply with all relevant state and federal laws regarding the discipline of that student.
- XII. Suspension and expulsion procedures as established in State Statutes (120.13(1)) shall be considered as part of this policy.

Legal reference:
Sections 120.13 (1)(h), 120.44, Wis. Stats.
20 U.S.C. 8921

Cross reference:
Administrative Guideline 5600 – Student Discipline

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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us