

Student Suspension or Expulsion

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The Board may suspend or expel a student from school during the school year for the following:

1. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of the authority of school personnel;
2. Willful destruction or defacing of school property;
3. Any behavior, which in the judgment of the Board is clearly detrimental to the welfare, safety or morals of other pupils;
4. Torturing, tormenting or abusing a pupil 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 of all 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 within 72 hours of the suspension.

Oral notice will be given immediately, if possible, and written notice within 24 hours to the student's parents or guardian stating the reason for the suspension or contemplated expulsion.

No student may be suspended for more than 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 Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act.

Suspension or expulsion 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, on school property, or is of such nature that continuation in school would clearly be detrimental to the welfare, safety or morals of other pupils.

No suspension or expulsion shall be for longer than one school year.

Legal References: W.S. 21-4-305
W.S. 21-4-306

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