

## STUDENT SUSPENSION

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the superintendent or designee may suspend a student for:

- Violations of policy or regulation
- Possession of an intoxicating beverage, low-point beer
- Possession of missing or stolen property if the property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school during school activities
- Possession of a dangerous weapon or a controlled dangerous substance while on or within two thousand (2,000) feet of public school property, or at a school event
- Possession of a firearm shall result in out-of-school suspension of not less than one year
- Any act which disrupt the academic atmosphere of the school, endangers or threatens fellow students, teachers, or officials or damages property
- Students in grades six through twelve found to have assaulted, attempted to cause physical bodily injury, or acted in a manner that could reasonably cause bodily injury to a school employee or person volunteering for a school shall be suspended for the remainder of the current semester and the next consecutive semester. The term of the suspension may be modified by the school district superintendent on a case-by-case basis.

Before a pupil is suspended out-of-school, the principal shall consider and apply, if appropriate, alternative in-school placement options that are not to be considered suspension, such as placement in an alternative school setting, reassignment to another classroom, or in-school detention. A student suspended out-of-school shall be placed in a supervised, structured environment in either a home-based school work assignment setting or another appropriate setting in accordance with a plan prescribed by the school administration that provides education in accordance with the supporting regulations. Parents or guardians will be provided a copy of the education plan and will bear the responsibility of monitoring the student's educational progress until the student is readmitted to school. Students suspended from school shall be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Additionally, any student serving suspension during the time of graduation activities shall not be allowed to participate in or attend ceremonies or programs honoring graduates.

The board of education supports the concept that if work is satisfactorily completed during suspension and satisfactory test grades are achieved; the student should receive sufficient credit for a passing grade in the class.

### **Suspension for possession of firearms**

Any student found in possession of a firearm while on any public school property or while in any school bus or other vehicle used by a public school for transportation of students or teachers shall be suspended out of school for a period of not less than one (1) year. The term of the suspension may be modified by the superintendent on a case-by-case basis. The student may request a review of the suspension with the administration.

**Due process**

The superintendent and/or principal shall have the authority to suspend a student. Before suspending a student, the student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge and, if the student denies it, an explanation of the evidence and an opportunity to present his or her side of the story. Students whose presence imposes a continuing danger may be removed from the school immediately.

No school board member, administrator, or teacher may be held civilly liable for any action, taken in good faith, which is authorized by law under the provisions of this policy.

References: HB 2692, 1996 Legislative Session.  
70 O.S. 24-101 (Section 487, School Law Book, 1997)  
HB 2130, 1997 Legislative Session  
HB 2335, 1998 Legislative Session  
10 O.S. 7005-1.2  
10 O.S. 7303-5.3  
10 O.S. 7307-1.2  
37 O.S. 163.2  
70 O.S. 24-101.3 24-102 24-103 et. Seq.