

Policy JKD - SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The West Bath School Administrative Unit Board of Directors delegates to the building administrator the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspensions in excess of 10 days may be imposed by and must be approved by the Board.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against him/her;
- B. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for those charge(s); and
- C. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident.

However, students whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the instructional process may be immediately removed from school. In such cases, the notice of charges, explanation of evidence, and the student's opportunity to explain his/her version of the incident, shall be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/guardians shall be notified of suspension as soon as practicable by telephone and/or by written notice which shall be dispatched by mail on the day of the suspension.

Students are not allowed on school property during any out-of-school suspension except with the prior authorization of the principal or Superintendent.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. After readmittance, they shall be permitted to take tests, quizzes or any other form of evaluation affecting their grades.

Legal Reference:

Title 20-A, MRSA §§ 1001(9), (15-A)(D)

Cross Reference:

JIC – Student Code of Conduct
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools
JK – Student Discipline
JKE – Expulsion of Students
JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

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