

## **SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS**

The CRCS Board delegates to the principal the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students in grade six (6) and above for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspensions may be in-school or out-of-school at the discretion of the Principal. Suspensions longer than 10 days may be imposed by the Board.

Students in grade five (5) or below may not be given an out-of-school suspension except when a student has violated the federal Gun-Free Schools Act or presents an imminent danger of serious physical injury to the student or others and it is determined that less restrictive interventions would be ineffective. Any suspension of a student in grade five or below cannot be longer than three school days.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s);
- B. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s);  
and
- C. The student shall be given an opportunity to present their 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 present their 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 any in-school or out-of-school suspension as soon as practicable by telephone (if possible) and by written notice sent by mail. A copy of the notice shall also be given to the Executive Director. It is the expectation of the Board that communication with the parents/guardians is ongoing as deemed appropriate and necessary.

Students are not allowed on school property during any out-of-school suspension except with the prior authorization of the Executive Director.

The parents/guardians and the student shall be required to schedule a conference with the building administrator/designee within the suspension period and prior to re-admittance to school.

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

Students serving in-school and out-of- school suspension shall not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§ 1001(9), (15-A)(D)

Cross Reference: JIC – Student Code of Conduct

JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety

JICK - Bullying

JK - Student Discipline

JKE - Expulsion of Students

JKF –Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

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