

Morrow County School District

Code: **JGD**

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Orig. Code(s): 5145.11

Suspension**

The Board authorizes the principals or designee to suspend a student for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Willful violation of Board policy, administrative regulation, school or classroom rules;
2. Willful conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the rights of others to an education;
3. Willful conduct which endangers the student or others;
4. Willful conduct which ~~endangers~~ **damages or injures** district property.

Students and parents are given notice of possible discipline actions resulting from student misconduct that may result in suspension in the *Student/Parent Handbook* made available by the district.

The following procedures will govern suspensions:

1. The student will be informed of the charges and given the opportunity to be heard and present his/her view of the occurrence:
 - a. Staff complaints - Students should hear directly from the teacher or the staff member the specific complaints or descriptions of unacceptable behavior when the student so desires;
 - b. Student complaints - It is recognized that a school official, as a public officer, shall not be examined as to communications made to him/her in official confidence, when the public interest would suffer by such disclosures.

Also, in recognition of the special jeopardy in which the student witness may be placed, and the possible traumatic effects of adversary proceedings conducted by attorneys, police officers or court officials, the complaining student is not required to face the accused. The administrator or other official conducting an investigation is under special obligation to assure careful and cautious investigation of all relevant facts and testimony. When the complaining student cannot face the accused, the school officials then become the official complainant.

2. The student will be given the reason for the action, the duration of the suspension not to exceed 10 school days and the tentative procedures for reinstatement;
3. The parents will be notified by telephone (if possible) of the suspension, reasons for the action and arrangements made for the student to leave the school premises.

In emergency situations that are a result of risk to health and safety, the district may postpone the suspension notice process above until the emergency condition has passed;

4. Telephone contact shall be followed by a written communication stating the reasons for the action, the duration of the suspension and procedure for arranging a mutually satisfactory time for a conference for possible re-admittance **and may include a plan for the student to make up school work**. The parent or legal guardian may review the reason for suspension and the duration of suspension with the superintendent. A copy of this report shall be included in the student's education records;
5. Principals shall be responsible for informing the superintendent/designee regarding details of serious or persistent cases.

Students who are suspended may not attend after-school activities and athletic events, on or off district property, or be present on district property without administrative permission. Students who violate these provisions may be subject to further disciplinary action and referred to law enforcement officials.

Suspensions may be appealed to the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 581-021-0065](#)