

This policy addresses the use of Suspension as a traditional disciplinary measure to address student misconduct as outlined in Policy 390.00 Student Discipline.

### **Definition of Suspension**

As utilized herein, certain terms are defined as follows:

1. "Suspension" means the temporary exclusion from school and school activities for disciplinary reasons by the Superintendent, Principal, or their designee, as per Idaho Code 33-205. The Board may authorize additional suspension days as per Idaho Code 33-205.
2. "Re-admittance." Any student who has been suspended may be readmitted to the school during the suspension period by the Superintendent or Principal who suspended him/her upon such reasonable conditions as the Superintendent or Principal may prescribe. Any student, during the suspension term, may not be in attendance at school, on school transportation vehicles, school grounds, or in attendance at school sponsored activities.
3. "Informal hearing" is an informal meeting between the student, the student's legal guardians if they are immediately available, and the Superintendent, Principal or designee proposing the suspension. At the informal hearing, the student or guardian shall be orally, or in writing, advised of the accusation made against the student. At this meeting, the student shall be given the opportunity to respond to the allegations and state the student's position regarding any proposed suspension.

#### **A. Grounds for Suspension**

During a school year the commission of any act, while the student is engaged in any school activity or is on school grounds, which violates Policy #390.00 Student Discipline or any written discipline policy of the Principal of any school, may be grounds for suspension. A second commission of such an act shall be grounds for additional suspension and a third commission of such an act may be grounds for expulsion; provided however, that suspension shall be utilized prior to the initiation of expulsion proceedings.

#### **B. Provisions Regarding Suspension**

1. The Superintendent of the district or the Principal of any school may temporarily suspend any student for disciplinary reasons or for other conduct disruptive of good order or for disruption of the instructional effectiveness of the school.
2. A temporary suspension by the principal shall not exceed five (5) school days in length; and the Superintendent may extend the temporary suspension up to an additional ten (10) school days. Provided, that on a finding by the Board of Trustees that immediate return to school attendance by the temporarily suspended student would be detrimental to other

student's health, welfare or safety, the Board of Trustees may extend the temporary suspension for an additional five (5) school days.

3. Unless immediate suspension of a student is required because the student's presence in school poses a continuing danger to persons or property or is an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, the Principal or Superintendent must give oral or written notice to the student and his/her parents of the charges against the student, must present the basis for the accusation, and if denied, must allow the student and his/her parents an opportunity to challenge those reasons. This informal hearing may be granted by having a conference between the Principal or Superintendent, student, parents or guardian. If immediate suspension is required, the Principal or Superintendent shall immediately verbally notify the parents or guardians of the student, and arrange for a conference similar to the conference granted where an emergency does not exist. The conference shall be held within five (5) days of the suspension or proposed suspension.
4. Any student who has been suspended may be readmitted to school by the Superintendent or Principal who suspended him/her upon such reasonable conditions as said Superintendent or Principal may prescribe.
5. The Superintendent or Principal who suspended the student shall document or have documented a record of the student's suspension in the District's student information system.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Idaho Code §33-512, 33-205, 18-2407, 18-7001, 18-901, 18-903, 18-7008, 18-6409, 18-1502

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