

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

STUDENT SUSPENSION

9.210

POLICY

The Superintendent shall develop and implement student suspension procedures that:

- ⇒ Comply with relevant provisions of the *School Act* (s.26 and s. 85 2(c)(ii), (d))
- ⇒ Provide progressive school based and district level disciplinary procedures
- ⇒ Reflect an appropriateness for all types of learners
- ⇒ Are consistent with Policy 6.380 District & School Code of Conduct

VALUES

In its consideration of this policy, the Board of education has been guided by its legislative ***and policy responsibilities*** with respect to suspensions and student conduct, its ***respect for a fair and honest disciplinary process*** and ***compassion*** for those involved.

PROCEDURAL RULES

1. The Superintendent shall provide delegated authority to Principals and Vice Principals, as appropriate, to suspend students in a manner consistent with legislation, district policy and school codes of conduct.
2. The maximum suspension period for a school based, out of school suspension is 5 instructional days.
3. The Superintendent, or delegate, shall be informed immediately, and in writing, with respect to the particulars of each suspension. Such particulars to include the effective date, reason, and the educational provisions available to the student while suspended.
4. The Principal shall also ensure that parents or guardians be provided a letter with the particulars as described in (3) above.
5. Should the Principal consider the student's conduct to be worthy of a suspension greater than 5 instructional days, it will be considered an indefinite suspension to the Board. The indefinite suspension shall be immediately referred to the Superintendent and a District Level Suspension Hearing (DLSH) shall be scheduled as soon as practical to hear the particulars and determine the suspension and/or other disciplinary measures as appropriate. The Principal shall ensure that all particulars be provided to the Superintendent in writing.
6. The Principal shall ensure that parents or guardians be provided a letter detailing the following:
 - a. The effective date of the suspension
 - b. The reason for the suspension
 - c. The educational provisions available to the student prior to the suspension hearing
7. The Principal (or delegate), the Superintendent (or delegate), student, parents and/or advocates shall attend and make representations at the hearing.

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8. The decision resulting from the DLSH shall be in writing and provided to all participants. At a minimum, the decision shall state:
 - a. The terms of any suspension or other disciplinary measure
 - b. The reason(s) for the disciplinary measure
 - c. A brief record of the student's disciplinary history
 - d. The educational provisions available to the student during the term of the suspension
 - e. A brief description of the appeal rights provided under Section 11 of the *School Act*

9. If a student has been suspended for reasons involving weapons, the sale of drugs or serious violence, the suspension will be considered a District Level Suspension.

10. If a student has received three (3) school based suspensions, the fourth (4th) suspension shall be considered a District Level Suspension.

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