

STUDENT SUSPENSION

Student suspension is an act of last resort to deter repeated acts of undesirable behavior or acts of gross misconduct. The suspension of a student must comply with statutory requirements set forth in RSA 193:13 and provide the student with minimum due process prior to a suspension of ten days or less. The full requirements of procedural due process must be followed prior to a suspension for more than ten days.

The Superintendent of Schools may empower a principal to suspend a student for ten days or less. The suspension of a student for more than ten days must be authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gross misconduct as hereby defined falls within two categories:

1. A student whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or
2. A student who presents an ongoing threat to disrupting the academic process.

Principals will be responsible for establishing, implementing and disseminating information with respect to procedures for the provision of “minimum due process” and the “full requirements of procedural process.”

Legal References:

RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Students

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 204, Minimum Requirements for Due Process by the Local School Board

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