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PUPIL SUSPENSION

POLICY:

Based on, but limited to the conditions set forth in the “Code(s) of Student Conduct,” the principal or his designee may suspend a pupil from school; provided, that such suspension with the reasons therefore shall be reported within 24 hours, in writing, to the parents or guardian, and to the Superintendent; provided further, that no suspension shall be for more than ten (10) days and that no suspension be made an expulsion unless so ordered by the School Board in a resolution adopted and spread on its minutes.

- (1) The principal or his designee may suspend a pupil transported to and from school at public expense from riding the school bus for a period of ten (10) days; provided that written notice is given within 24 hours to the parent(s) or guardian, and to the Superintendent.
- (2) The following information shall be included in the written notice of suspension to the parent(s) or guardian, and to the Superintendent.
 - (a) The nature of the offense.
 - (b) The date of the offense and beginning date of the suspension and the date on which the pupil may return to school.
 - (c) Any conditions involving suspension, such as reduction of the suspension following a conference and assurance from the pupil of a change in attitude.
- (3) All suspension notices to the parent(s) or guardian shall be delivered either in person, by a staff member, or sent by mail.

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- (4) Whenever possible, an informal hearing shall be afforded the student prior to the effective date of the suspension. Where conditions do not judiciously allow a delay in the suspension, the parent or legal guardian and the student should be offered a conference at the earliest possible time following the effective date of the suspension. Whenever possible, after hearing a student’s explanation of his conduct, the principal shall explain to the student his reasons for the suspension and the conditions thereof.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: 1001.42(6), 1003.31, F.S.

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