

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Board of Education has the legal authority to make all needed policies, rules and regulations for organizing and governing the school district. This includes the power to suspend or expel a student for conduct which is prejudicial to good order and discipline in the schools or impairs the morale or good conduct of the students. These policies, rules and regulations will apply to all students in attendance in district instructional and support programs, as well as at school-sponsored activities and events. Students who have been charged, convicted or pled guilty in a court of general jurisdiction for commission of a felony may be suspended in accordance with law.

Building principals are responsible for the development of rules and regulations regarding student conduct needed to maintain proper behavior in schools under their supervision. Principals, subject to appropriate due process procedures, may summarily suspend any student for up to ten (10) school days for violation of these policies, rules and regulations. Notice of suspension shall be given immediately to the parent or guardian, and to the superintendent.

Flagrant disregard for policies, rules and regulations, or continued truancy may result in suspension by the superintendent or expulsion by the Board, both subject to appropriate due process procedures. The superintendent may suspend a student for up to 180 school days; however, expulsion of students is a function only of the Board of Education.

Teachers shall have the authority to make and enforce necessary rules for the internal governance in the classroom, subject to review by the building principal. The Board expects each teacher to maintain a satisfactory standard of conduct in the classroom.

Any time a referral that warrants formal disciplinary action is submitted, a reasonable effort will be made by the principal to either contact the parent or guardian by written notice delivered by the student, through the mail, or by direct telephone contact.

All employees of the district shall annually receive instruction related to the specific contents of the district's discipline policy and any interpretations necessary to implement the provisions of the policy in the course of their duties, including but not limited to approved methods of dealing with acts of school violence, disciplining students with disabilities, and instruction in the necessity and requirements for confidentiality.

The comprehensive discipline policy of the Pattonville School District is set forth in the annual district behavior guides. Copies of the current year's behavior guide will be provided to every student and to the parent or guardian of every student at the beginning of each school year, and upon enrollment of every student, where such enrollment takes place after the beginning of the school year. Copies of the behavior guides will also be available in the superintendent's office during normal business hours. The behavior guide is reviewed and revised annually and ratified by the Board of Education prior to each school year.

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Legal Refs.: _160.261, 167.161-171, 171.011, RSMo

Cross Refs.: JFA, Student Due Process Rights

JGA, Corporal Punishment

JGB, Detention and/or In-School Suspension of Students

JGD, Student Suspension and Expulsion

JGE, Discipline of Disabled Students

JGF, Discipline Reporting and Records