

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
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POLICIES AND REGULATIONS  
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**STUDENT SUSPENSION/EXPULSION**

Section 1. Grounds for Suspension Expulsion

In accordance with the law, the Board may suspend or expel a student from school during the school year for the following:

1. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of the authority of school personnel;
2. Willful destruction or defacing of school property;
3. Any behavior which in the judgment of the Board is clearly detrimental to the welfare, safety, morals, or education of other pupils;
4. Torturing, tormenting, or abusing a pupil in any way; maltreating a pupil or a teacher with physical violence.

Section 2. Administrative Authority

The Board delegates to each individual school principal the right to suspend a pupil for not more than 10 school days on the grounds stated above. Only the Board may expel a student. The superintendent shall be notified of all suspensions and cases which warrant expulsion consideration.

Section 3. Due Process Requirements

Prior to suspending a student from school, the principal shall inform the student of the reason(s) for the suspension and the evidence against him/her and shall give the student a chance to present his/her version of the charges and evidence against him/her. However, if the student's conduct endangers persons or property or threatens to disrupt the educational program, the student may be suspended immediately. The student shall then be given a chance to be heard within 72 hours of the suspension.

Oral notice shall be given immediately, if possible, and written notice within 24 hours to the student's parent/guardian stating the reason for the suspension.

Section 4. Expulsion

No student may be suspended for more than 10 days or expelled without an opportunity for a hearing if requested. The hearing shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act.

Section 5. Suspension or Expulsion as Additional Punishment

Suspension or expulsion shall not be imposed as an additional punishment for offenses punishable under the laws of the state, except where the offense was committed at a school function or is of such nature that continuation in school would clearly be detrimental to the welfare, safety, morals, or education of other pupils.

No suspension or expulsion shall be for longer than one school year. The superintendent shall make this policy known to students, parents, and school personnel.

Current Practice Codified 1977

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LEGAL REFERENCES: W.S. 21-4-306; Wyoming Education Policies Reference Manual, Code JGD/JGE

CROSS REFERENCES: BEE, Board Hearings      JIC, Student Conduct      JK, Student Discipline