

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The district administrator or any principal shall have the power to suspend a student for not more than five school days. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, a student may be suspended for up to 15 school days (see policy JFCJA), when an expulsion hearing is pending. A student with a disability may have a change in placement for no more than 10 school days except as otherwise specifically authorized by law. The student will be suspended if it is determined that he/she is guilty of noncompliance with the school rule or of the conduct charged, and that his/her suspension is reasonably justified.

A student may be suspended for:

1. A violation of school rules.
2. Knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives.
3. Conduct while at school or under the supervision of a school authority which endangers the health, safety or property of others.
4. Possession and/or use of any dangerous weapon other than firearms on Medford Area Public School District property, buses or at any school related event as provided in policy JFCJ, "Weapons in the School."
5. Possession of a firearm while at school or under supervision of a school authority, as required by law; unless such possession is approved by the board of education for the purpose of hunting in the school forest.
6. Conduct while not at school or under supervision of a school authority which endangers the property, health or safety of others at school or under supervision of a school authority or endangers the property, health or safety of any employee or board of education member of the school district in which the student is enrolled.

A suspended student shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester or grading period examinations or to complete course work missed during the suspension. Procedures for make-up of missed work while a student is suspended are the same as provided for a student with an excused absence in policy JE (Attendance/Truancy Policy).

Prior to the suspension, the student shall be advised of the reason for the proposed suspension. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a suspended minor student shall be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason for the suspension.

The suspended student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) may, within five school days following the commencement of the suspension, have a conference with the principal and/or district administrator. If the principal and/or district administrator finds the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly, or that the suspension was inappropriate given the nature of the offense, or that the student suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension, reference to the suspension on the student's school records shall be expunged.

CROSS REFERENCE: JE, JF, JFC, JFCH, JFCJ, JFCJA, JFCN, JFG, JFI, and JGA
LEGAL REFERENCE: §118.16(4), 120.13(1) Wis. Stats., Gun Free Schools Act of 1994, & IDEA