

POLICY 550 – STUDENT SUSPENSION

I. PURPOSE

The School Board recognizes that in order for the school district to achieve its mission, a safe and healthy learning environment is essential. Students, therefore, must conduct themselves in a manner that maintains a climate in which learning can take place. The school district will attempt to prevent student dismissals from school through the early detection of problems. However, it also recognizes that there are instances when it will be necessary and appropriate to administer disciplinary measures. When dismissal from school is imposed, it will be imposed with the purpose of correcting students' inappropriate behavior, preventing continued inappropriate behavior and encouraging continued learning.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Suspension is governed by the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act.

III. APPLICATION OF POLICY

Suspension may result for student behavior which:

- A. violates federal, state, or local laws;
- B. violates School Board policies or building regulations;
- C. disrupts the rights of others to an education;
- D. disrupts the ability of school personnel to perform their duties;
- E. disrupts school-sponsored or extracurricular activities; or
- F. endangers the health, safety or welfare of any person, including other students, school district employees, the offender or surrounding persons or property of the school.

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Policy Revised: 12/16/89

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Legal References:

M.S. 121A.40-121A.56 - The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act

M.S. 121A.575 – Alternatives to Pupil Suspension

M.S. 121A.582 – Student Discipline; Reasonable Force

M.S. Ch. 125A Students with Disabilities

20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1487 – IDEA

29 U.S.C § 794 *et seq.* – Rehabilitation Act of 1973. §504

34 CFR §§ 300.530 – 300.536 – Discipline Procedures

Cross References:

Policy 502 – Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personnel Possessions, and Student’s Person

Policy 503 – Attendance and Absences

Policy 504 – Student Dress and Appearance

Policy 506 – Student Discipline

Policy 514 – Bullying Prohibition

Policy 516 – Student Medication

Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Policy 541 – Chemical Use/Abuse

Policy 542 – Extended Educational Trips

Policy 548 – Harassment and Violence

Policy 551 – Exclusion and Expulsion

Policy 709 – Transportation Safety

Policy 729 – Student Conduct on Buses

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