

No student will be suspended longer than five (5) school days or expelled unless afforded a hearing with the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee in compliance with section 3214 of the Education Law. If the student is not absolved during the hearing of the charged act of misconduct, he/she may appeal the findings and determination of the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education.

The Board of Education delegates the power to suspend a student for a period not to exceed five (5) school days to the principal of each school in the district. An informal hearing with the student must be provided prior to suspension.

Students with disabilities may be suspended following the guidelines established in this policy. In addition, a referral must be made to the Committee on Special Education if such a student is suspended for a period in excess of five school days. Handicapped students may not be suspended for behaviors which are directly attributable to their handicapping condition unless they are a direct threat to themselves, other students, or staff.

Revised August 28, 1984

Reviewed 1987

Revised August 1993

Renumbered from P5550 and Reviewed May 2000

Revised June 2004

Reviewed January 2011