

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The Lisbon School Committee delegates to the principals the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspension longer than 10 days may be imposed by the School Committee.

Students in grade 5 or below may not be given an out-of-school suspension except when a student has violated the federal Gun-Free Schools Act or presents an imminent danger of serious physical injury to the student or others, and it is determined that less restrictive interventions would be ineffective. Any suspension of a student in grade five or below cannot be longer than three school days.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

- A. The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against him/her;
- B. The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s); and
- C. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident.

However, students whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the instructional process may be immediately removed from school. In such cases, the notice of charges, explanation of evidence, and the student's opportunity to present his/her version of the incident shall be arranged as soon as practicable after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/guardians shall be notified of any suspension as soon as practicable by telephone (if possible) and by written notice sent by mail. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Superintendent.

Students are not allowed on school property during any out-of-school suspension except with the prior authorization of the principal or Superintendent.

The parents/guardians and the student shall be required to schedule a conference with the building administrator/designee within the suspension period and prior to readmittance to school.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. After readmittance, they shall be permitted to take test, quizzes or any other form of evaluation affecting their grades.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§ 1001(9), (15-A)(D)
Cross Reference: JIC – Student Code of Conduct
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety

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JICK – Bullying
JK – Student Discipline
JKE – Expulsion of Students
JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

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