

# STUDENT SUSPENSIONS

## Policy 447.3

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A student may be suspended by the district administrator, any principal or teacher designed by the principal for not more than five (5) school days or if a notice of expulsion hearing is sent, for not more than fifteen (15) consecutive school days. Except as otherwise provided by law, students with disabilities may not be suspended for more than ten (10) days in accordance with PI 11 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

If it is determined that the student is guilty of one of the following and it is reasonably justified, a suspension will be awarded for:

1. Noncompliance with Board policies or rules adapted by the Board.
2. Noncompliance with rules made by the district administrator, principal or any teacher designated by the principal with consent of the Board.
3. 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.
4. Conduct by the pupil while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of others.
5. Conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or endangers the property, health or safety of an employee or School Board member of the district in which the pupil is enrolled.
6. The school district administrator or any principal or teacher designated by the school district administrator shall suspend a pupil if it has been determined that the pupil while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority, possessed a firearm, as defined in 18 USC 921 (a) (3).

Prior to any suspension, the pupil shall be advised as to the reason for the proposed suspension and given an opportunity to explain or refute the charge.

The suspended student or student's parent/guardian shall be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason(s) therefore. That notice shall include a statement advising the student or parent(s)/guardians(s) of his/her right to a conference within five (5) school days following the commencement of the suspension with the district administrator or his designee, who shall be someone other than the principal, administrator or teacher in the suspended student's school. A pupil suspended under this paragraph shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester or grading period examinations or to complete course work missed during the suspension period.

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If such a conference is held and as a result of the conference it is found that the suspension was unfair, unjust or inappropriate or that the student suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension, reference to the suspension shall be expunged from the student's school record. The findings shall be made within fifteen (15) days of the conference.

When students are suspended from school, they are prohibited from being on school grounds or participating in any extra-curricular activities for the period of suspension except when the right of the suspended student to be on school premises is guaranteed by law.

School districts may not unlawfully discriminate against students in standards or rules of behavior or disciplinary actions, including suspensions and expulsions, on the basis of a student's race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, religion, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other legally protected status or classification. Students who feel they have been discriminated against may file a complaint in accordance with the district's discrimination complaint procedures.

### Legal References:

#### Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 118.127](#) [use of law enforcement records as sole basis for suspending or expelling students from school prohibited]

[Section 118.16\(4\)\(b\)](#) [conditions for making up examinations and coursework missed during suspensions as per student attendance policy]

[Section 120.13\(1\)](#) [board power to suspend or expel students from school]

#### Federal Laws

[Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#) [programs and services for students with disabilities; includes requirements related to change of placements and providing continued educational services during period of expulsion]

**Cross References:** 447.3-Rule, Suspension Procedures  
431-Rule, Student Attendance Guidelines

*[Insert appropriate cross references to the policy as applicable to your district.]*

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