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Pittsfield School District

STUDENT CONDUCT

- A. General Conduct Standards and Disciplinary Concepts. Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors, violates other Board policies or is otherwise inappropriate is prohibited.

Students are expected to maintain appropriate classroom behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption. Students will conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration for the rights of others, while on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; and/or while attending or engaged in school activities. Students may also be disciplined for off-campus behavior in accordance with the provisions of Policies JICDD and JICK.

Terms and levels of discipline are established in Policy JICD. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, restriction from activities, probation, and expulsion.

Removal from the classroom means a student is sent to the student support center. It is within the discretion of the person in charge of the classroom to remove the student.

Detention means the student's presence is required during non-school hours for disciplinary purposes. The dean of operations is authorized to establish guidelines or protocol for when detention shall be served (either before school or after school.) Whether a student will serve detention, and the length of the detention, is within the discretion of the licensed employee disciplining the student or the dean of operations.

An in-school suspension means the student will attend school but will be temporarily isolated from one or more classes while under supervision. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten consecutive school days.

An out-of-school suspension means the temporary denial of a student's attendance at school for a specific period of time for gross misconduct or for neglect or refusal to conform to school rules or policies.

A restriction from school activities means a student will attend school and classes and practice but will not participate in school extra-curricular activities.

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Probation means a student is given a conditional suspension of a penalty for a definite period of time in addition to being reprimanded. The conditional suspension will mean the student must meet the conditions and terms for the suspension of the penalty. Failure of the student to meet these conditions and terms will result in immediate reinstatement of the penalty.

Expulsion means the permanent denial of a pupil's attendance at school for any of the reasons listed in RSA 193:13, II and III.

Due process in accordance with all applicable laws will be afforded to any student involved in a proceeding that may result in suspension, exclusion, or expulsion. Students expelled from school may be reinstated by the Board under the provisions of RSA 193:13.

- B. Implementation and Notice. The School Board delegates to the superintendent the responsibility of adopting and implementing such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she, in consultation with the dean of operations and other administrative leaders, deems necessary to implement this policy.

The content of RSA 193:13, this policy, and any such rules and regulations adopted hereunder, shall be printed in the school handbooks and distributed to all students and parents/guardians. The superintendent shall also ensure that this policy, the content of RSA 193:13, and any such rules and regulations adopted under this policy are made available on the district's website, with additional notice provided to the student body as the superintendent or dean of operations deems appropriate (e.g., periodic postings and notices).

Rules and regulations adopted and published under this policy will be deemed to be regulations and policies of the School Board and maintained as School Board records. The superintendent will provide to the School Board copies of all handbooks and other rules and regulations adopted under this policy. The School Board maintains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any such rules and regulations consistent with the Board statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations, and procedures.

- C. Parent Notification of Simple Assaults. Pursuant to RSA 193-D:4, I (b), the superintendent is directed to adopt and implement procedures requiring parents/guardians of each student involved in a simple assault (victim and perpetrator) occurring during the school day to be notified in a timely manner when such assault causes any form of bodily injury, including bruising or discoloration, or would otherwise constitute a disciplinable offense under either district or school rules of conduct. For purposes of this policy, "simple assault" shall have the same meaning as that provided in RSA 631:2-a (a simple assault occurs when one purposefully or knowingly causes bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact to another; or

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recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon).

- D. Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities. If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), New Hampshire RRSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent that these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

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