

## **STUDENT SUSPENSIONS**

The school principal or designee may suspend students in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes for noncompliance with rules established by the school and approved by the Board, or rules established by the Board. A student may be suspended for not more than five (5) days under the following Statutory provisions:

The student shall be provided opportunity to present his/her version of the conduct prior to a determination of the proposed suspension.

Prior to any suspension, the student shall be advised of the reason for the proposed suspension.

The student may be suspended if the school administrator determines that the pupil is guilty of noncompliance with school/life rules or if the suspension is reasonably justified.

The parent or guardian of a suspended minor shall be given written notice of the suspension, the reason(s) for the suspension, the length of the suspension, and notification of the appeals process. Students on out-of-school suspension are prohibited from attendance at school activities and/or being on school grounds for the term of the suspension.

### **OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Out-of-school suspension is a serious consequence which should be reserved for situations where the student's behavior is disruptive to the school environment, poses a safety or health danger to the student or others, is damaging to school property or the property of others, or shows complete or repeated defiance or refusal to comply with school rules or policies. Students will not be suspended out-of-school for tardiness or truancy.

### **PARENT NOTIFICATION**

Parent/guardian notification will be made prior to the release of the suspended student. Extreme circumstances, at the discretion of the principal, may prohibit such notification, but every effort should be made to provide parent notification.

**IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

In-school suspension is an alternative disciplinary tool to be utilized at the discretion of the principal/designee.

Parent/guardian notification will occur for in-school suspensions exceeding one half (1/2) day.

The suspended student or his/her parent or guardian may, within ten (10) school days following notification of the suspension, appeal the suspension in writing, to the District Administrator. If it is agreed that the student was suspended unfairly or that the suspension was inappropriate, reference to the suspension on the student's records shall be expunged. Such findings must be made within fifteen (15) days of the appeal.

The Merton Community School District shall not discriminate in standards and rules of behavior including student suspension, on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures (see policy 6010: A.B.C.).

Wisconsin Statutes: 120.13(1)(a)(b)

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