

## PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Board of Education Policy

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#### STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Student discipline is a primary responsibility of the building principal, with assistance from the superintendent. When the building principal is absent from the district, and the superintendent is unavailable, the counselor or other designee shall function as the Board Designee in matters of student discipline and other emergency situations as deemed necessary.

The following guidelines are to aid school personnel in implementing school disciplinary procedures:

- The disciplinary procedures focus on a cure to disciplinary problems.
- Disciplinary problems generally fall into the following categories:
  - physical abuse – student to student, student to staff
  - aggressive behavior – student to student, student to staff (e.g. disrespect)
  - violation of school rules
    - disruptive – interference in the normal conducting of a class or school operation
    - non-disruptive – chewing gum, running in halls, etc.

Disciplinary procedures as administered by the principals will include detention and suspension. Most non-disruptive behavior will be assigned appropriate detention. A chronic violation of non-disruptive rules could result in suspension. Detention or suspension will be assigned for each instance of aggressive or disruptive behavior. Physical abuse will be referred directly to the Principal for appropriate action.

Suspension and expulsion are viewed as serious matters. Students may be suspended or expelled for reasons outlined in state law, and shall be suspended or expelled when required by state law.

1. Suspension: Disciplinary removal of the student from the normal school flow for a period of time not to exceed five days. The principal will determine whether suspension will be in-school or out-of-school based on the background profile. During in-school suspension, the student may spend part of the suspension period being interviewed and counseled for the purpose of behavior modification, and/or determining the cause of the problem.  
  
Further disciplinary problems may result in a recommendation by the principal, together with the superintendent, for the student's expulsion.
2. Expulsion: If expulsion of a student is recommended, an expulsion hearing shall be conducted by the School Board in accordance with state law. The Board may set conditions for early readmission in the expulsion order.

*The School District shall not discriminate in standards or rules of behavior or disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion, on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.*

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LEGAL REF:	Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes 120.13(1) PI 9 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code
CROSS REF:	411 – Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures 443 – Rule, Code of Classroom Conduct 447.31 – Policy, In-School Suspension
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