

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students subject to disciplinary procedures have been afforded due process, and that all “disciplinary actions” conform to RSA 193:13, the IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the policies of the Londonderry School Board.

Teacher Detention: May be assigned by the classroom teacher to students who detract from the “normal” classroom management and instruction (Level I category). Parents will be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the detention. The duration of teacher initiated after school detentions are at the discretion of the classroom teacher, generally not to exceed one (1) hour. Students at the elementary level may serve a teacher detention during their recess period for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

Administrative After-School Detention: May be assigned to students at the high school level for non-classroom issues/incidents described in Level I or Level II of the behavior standards chart. Parents will be notified at least twenty-four hours prior to the detention. The duration of administrative after-school detention will generally not exceed one (1) hour.

Administrative Saturday Morning Detention: May be assigned to students at the high school level for infractions noted in Level II of the Behavior Standards Chart. Parents will be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to this type of detention. The duration of administrative Saturday morning detention is three (3) hours.

In-School Suspension: The removal of a student from the regular class schedule by the Principal, or designee, for misconduct identified in Levels II and III of the Behavior Standards Chart.

Short Term Out-of-School Suspension: The Superintendent, or a representative designated in writing, may suspend a student for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) school days for gross misconduct, failure to follow the reasonable rules of the school, violations of state or federal law, or as otherwise set forth in the student disciplinary policies of the Londonderry School District. See Levels III and IV of the Londonderry School District Behavioral Standards. Unless otherwise stipulated in writing during the short term suspension, the student shall not attend school, school sponsored events or occasion school property until restored by the Superintendent or designated representative.

Long Term Out-of-School Suspension: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, as the School Board’s designee, to suspend students for an additional ten (10) school days (for a total suspension not to exceed twenty (20) school days) for gross misconduct, failure to follow the reasonable rules of the school, violations of state or federal law, or as otherwise set forth in the student disciplinary policies of the Londonderry School District, providing:

- (a) a hearing is held within ten (10) school days of the initial suspension and prior to the imposition of the additional ten (10) school day suspension;
- (b) the Superintendent is not the individual who imposed the initial ten (10) school day suspension; and
- (c) the gravity of the violation warrants a suspension in excess of the initial ten (10) school day suspension. See Levels III and IV of the Londonderry School District Behavioral Standards.
- (d) During the long term suspension, the student shall not attend school, school sponsored events or occasion school property until restored by the Superintendent.

Long Term Out-of-School Suspension – School Board: The School Board is hereby authorized to suspend students in excess of twenty (20) days for gross misconduct, failure to follow the reasonable rules of the school, violations of state or federal law, or as otherwise set forth in the student disciplinary policies of the Londonderry School District. During the long term suspension, the student shall not attend school, school sponsored events or occasion school property until restored by the School Board.

Expulsion: Any student may be expelled from the school by the School Board for gross misconduct, failure to follow the reasonable rules of the school, violations of state or federal law, or as otherwise set forth in the student disciplinary policies of the Londonderry School District. See Level IV of the Londonderry School District Behavioral Standards. During the expulsion, the student shall not attend school, school sponsored events or occasion school property until restored by the School Board. Any expulsion shall be subject to review, if requested, prior to the start of each school year. The parent or guardian of the student has the right to appeal any expulsions by the Londonderry School Board to the New Hampshire State Board of Education.

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