

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

It is the policy of the Southwest Technology Center Board of Education that the superintendent or designee may suspend any student who is guilty of any of the following acts while in attendance at school, in transit by school transportation, under school supervision to, from, or at, a school function authorized by Southwest Technology Center, or when present at any facility under the control of Southwest Technology Center. Suspension may be:

1. For the rest of the day.
2. Pending a conference with parents.
3. For a specified time or the remainder of the current school semester, and the succeeding semester.

Suspension may result because of one or more of the following violations by a student:

- Acts of immorality/profanity
- Violations of school rules, policy, or regulations
- Possession of an intoxicating beverage, low-point beer (See policy FNCE)
- Possession of missing or stolen property if the property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school during school activities
- Possession, threat, or use of a dangerous weapon as defined by state statutes (See policy FNCGA)
- Possession of any illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or any mind altering substance deemed to be inappropriate to school (Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act) (See policies FNCE)
- Possession of a firearm shall result in out-of-school suspension of not less than one year (See policy FNCGA)
- Any act which disrupts the academic atmosphere of the school, endangers or threatens fellow students, teachers, or officials or damages property, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Assault and battery
 - Conduct that jeopardizes the safety of others
 - Conduct that is disruptive to the operation of the school
 - Truancy and/or excessive absenteeism
 - Theft or vandalism of school property or that of a fellow student
 - Any offense defined by state statutes
- Adjudication as a delinquent for a violent or non-violent offense

Before a student is suspended out-of-school, the campus director shall consider and apply, if appropriate, alternative in-school placement options that are not to be considered suspension, such as placement in an alternative school setting, reassignment to another classroom, or in-school detention. A student suspended out-of-school shall be placed in a supervised, structured environment in either a home-based school work assignment setting or another appropriate setting in accordance with a plan prescribed by the school administration that provides education in accordance with the supporting regulations. Parents or guardians will be provided a copy of the education plan and will bear the responsibility of monitoring the student's educational progress until the student is readmitted to school. Students suspended from school shall be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Additionally, any student serving suspension during the time of graduation activities shall not be allowed to participate in or attend ceremonies or programs honoring graduates.

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Suspension of students shall be in the following manner:

1. For a suspension of three (3) days or less, the student will be notified verbally, and reasonable efforts will be made to contact his/her parents or guardian and the home school principal, if a high school student, stating the reason of the suspension, the terms of the suspension, and the student's right of a hearing before the superintendent.
2. For suspension from school of longer the three (3) days, written notification will be given to the student, the home school principal, if a high school student, and the student's parents or guardian, if a minor, by certified mail, stating the reason for the suspension, the terms of the suspension and the student's right of a hearing before the superintendent.

When students are coordinating their school day between a local school and Southwest Technology Center, suspension will be the result of the cooperation between the two (2) schools.

No school board member, administrator, or teacher may be held civilly liable for any action, taken in good faith, which is authorized by law under the provisions of this policy.

Appeal Procedure

Any student suspended from the school shall have the right to a hearing before the superintendent.

The student shall have the right to appeal the decision of the superintendent to the board of education. In the event a student desires an appeal to the board of education, the student shall give notice, in writing, to the superintendent of the school within three (3) days after the meeting with the superintendent. The student may then present his/her appeal at the next regular meeting of the board of education. The decision of the board of education is final. If such notice of appeal is not received at the designated time, the suspension shall be considered as final.

NOTE: 70 O.S. §24-104.1 and FERPA provides that a school district in which a student seeks to enroll may request student discipline records, and a school district must provide student discipline records upon request by another school district.

REFERENCE: 10 O.S. §7005-1.2
10 O.S. §7303-5.3
10 O.S. §7307-1.2
37 O.S. §163.2
70 O.S. §24-101.3, §24-102, §24-103, et seq.

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CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy FM, Student Activities, Eligibility
Policy FM-R, Student Activities, Eligibility, Regulations
Policy FNCE, Reporting Students Under the Influence or Possessing Alcoholic
Beverages or Controlled Dangerous Substances
Policy FNCGA, Weapons-Free Schools
Student Handbooks

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THIS POLICY REQUIRED BY LAW.