

Student Discipline

Purpose

This policy outlines the various forms of student discipline, and who has authority to impose that discipline.

Scope

This policy applies to the Superintendent, teachers, students and Valley School district employees designated to initiate or impose suspension.

Policy

1. All students shall submit to the reasonable discipline of the Superintendent or his/her designee and refusal to comply with written policies, rules, and regulations established for the governing of the school shall constitute cause for further discipline and suspension. However, no pupil shall be disciplined, suspended, or expelled except for sufficient cause.
2. For the purpose of the district student disciplinary policies:
 - (a) Expulsion is the exclusion from school or individual classes for an indefinite period.
 - (b) Suspension is the exclusion from school or individual classes for a specific period of time after which the student has a right to return.
 - (c) A suspension is short term if it is for a period of five (5) school days or less. Separate short term suspensions shall not total more than five (5) school days in a semester for any student in any other grade. Students shall not be affected substantially as a result of the short term suspension.
3. Discipline constitutes all other forms of correction or punishment including brief exclusions from a class for not more than the remainder of a class period. It also includes exclusion from any other type of activity conducted by or for the school district. Discipline shall not adversely affect specific academic grade, subject, or graduation requirements.
4. No pupil shall be expelled, suspended, or disciplined in any manner for the performance of or failure to perform any act not related to the orderly operation of the school or school sponsored activities or any other aspect of the educational process.
5. No pupil shall be expelled or given a long term suspension unless other means of correction have either failed or would not be adequate in bringing about the proper conduct. However, if a pupil is expelled, the matter in regard to further education shall be referred to proper local and state authorities including the proper local and state authorities including the proper juvenile authorities as provided in RCW chapter 13.04.
6. The superintendent or his/her designee shall have the authority to discipline and suspend students. The Superintendent shall designate which non-certificated employees may discipline students and establish the limits of their authority. The Superintendent shall also designate which certificated employees have the authority to initiate or impose suspension.

Related Procedures

N/A

Policy Cross References

- 4210-Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
- 3240-Student Conduct
- 3301-Disciplinary Action
- 3302-Expulsion or Long Term Suspension
- 3303-Emergency Expulsion
- 3304-Readmission Provisions – Expulsions and Suspensions
- 5233-Teacher’s Responsibilities
- 5234-Teacher’s Rights, Responsibilities, and Authority-Student Discipline

Policy Legal References

N/A

Management Resources

N/A

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