

Section 9-18.2. Suspension for ten days or less; Principal or Assistant Principal to Report the Facts; appeal procedure; notice requirement. — A. A pupil may be suspended for not more than ten school days by either the school principal or any assistant principal, or, in their absence, any teacher. The principal, assistant principal, or teacher may suspend the pupil after giving the pupil oral or written notice of the charges against him and, if he denies them, an explanation of the facts as known to school personnel and an opportunity to present his version of what occurred. In the case of any pupil whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or whose presence is an ongoing threat of disruption, the pupil may be removed from school immediately and the notice, explanation of facts, and opportunity to present his version shall be given as soon as is practical thereafter.

Upon suspension of any pupil, the principal, assistant principal, or teacher responsible for such suspension reports the facts of the case in writing to the superintendent or superintendent's designee and the parent of the pupil suspended. The division superintendent or his designee reviews forthwith the action taken by the principal, assistant principal, or teacher upon a petition for such review by any party in interest and confirms or disapproves such action based on an examination of the record of the pupil's behavior.

The decision of the superintendent or superintendent's designee may be appealed to the Student Services Review Committee. ~~and then to the Full School Board.~~ The decision of the Student Services Review Committee will be final.

Any oral or written notice to the parent of a student who is suspended from school attendance for not more than ten days shall include notification of the length of the suspension, information regarding the availability of community-based educational programs, alternative education programs or other educational options, and of the student's right to return to regular school attendance upon the expiration of the suspension. The costs of any community-based educational program, or alternative education program or educational option, which is not a part of the educational program offered by the school division, are borne by the parent of the student. (Adopted August 14, 1997; Revised: October 9, 2008; Ordinance Number 08/09-16; Effective October 10, 2008; Revised June 13, 2013; Ordinance Number 12/13-104; Effective Date: July 1, 2013; Revised June 9, 2016; Ordinance Number 15/16-99; Effective Date: July 1, 2016)

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