



SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS POLICY

No 607

Rationale

From time to time, it may be necessary to suspend a student from school if that student's behaviour is deemed to present a danger to him/herself or to other students or if that behaviour constitutes gross misconduct or repeatedly unacceptable behaviour.

Policy Statement

The Board of Trustees will follow Ministry of Education guidelines on stand-downs, suspensions, and exclusion of students. In doing so it will:

- Ensure that the learning environment is orderly and safe.
- Ensure that all regulatory requirements are met.
- Ensure that the rights of all students are upheld.
- Follow concepts of natural justice

Policy Guidelines

- The school will take all reasonable steps to modify a students' behaviour before resorting to suspension.
- A data base of student behaviour patterns will be kept, this will include actions taken.
- Full advice and guidance is available to students.
- The best interests of all students are considered in final decision making.
- The Principal has the authority to stand down and suspend students without referral to the Board.
- For potential exclusion a Board disciplinary committee will be convened
- Clear procedures are established for handling suspension. These procedures will:
 - Meet legal requirements.
 - Specify records to be made and arrangements for storage of records.
 - Indicate the people/agencies to be notified.
- Procedures will follow the appropriate Ministry of Education guidelines and requirements.
- Families will be notified as soon as possible of the stand-down or suspension and of its implications.
- Guidance and advice is available throughout the whole process.

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