

## **EUT POLICY ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

It is essential for schools to maintain a safe and orderly environment that supports pupil learning and achievement. Good discipline allows the school to discharge their primary responsibility to educate pupils and promote good citizenship. All pupils are expected to conduct themselves with respect for others and in accordance with policies, rules and applicable state and federal laws. Disciplinary action may be taken against pupils who violate policies, rules, or laws and/or whose conduct directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school.

Teachers are authorized to make and enforce rules for effective classroom management and to foster appropriate pupil behavior, subject to direction and approval of the building principal. School-wide rules and procedures shall be developed by the building principals.

Principals are authorized to provide for the suspension or other serious disciplinary action against pupils in accordance with these policies and Maine Statutes. The authority to suspend disobedient or disorderly pupils is for a period not to exceed 10 school days.

However, pupils whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the instructional process may be immediately removed from school. In all cases of suspension, the pupil's parents/guardians shall be notified of the suspension as soon as practicable by telephone whenever possible, and by written notice sent by mail. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Director of State Schools—EUT.

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