

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

When a student's behavior, speech, and/or attitudes are unacceptable and reasonable effort to bring about improvement has not proved effective, more positive action shall be taken.

### Section I: PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Corporal punishment has been prohibited in the Jackson Public School District since July 1, 1991. It continues to be the policy of the board of trustees that corporal punishment is prohibited in the school district. Accordingly, the school district prohibits the use of corporal punishment. Corporal punishment is defined as punishment by striking, touching or hitting any portion of a student's body with a paddle, ruler, hand, or other instrument or as the infliction of, or causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student. The use of corporal punishment shall be grounds for discipline up to and including suspension without pay and termination.

Each school shall adopt a discipline plan consistent with the school district's Student Handbook and Code of Conduct that sets firm, consistent, positive limits and that provides warmth and support for appropriate student behavior. Each school shall seek input from its site council during the development of discipline plans. Discipline should have the qualities of understanding, consistency, firmness and fairness.

### Section II: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION (JCH)

A student may be suspended or recommended for expulsion in accordance with the state law, the school district Policy Handbook, bulletins or memoranda from the office of the superintendent, student code of conduct handbooks, and other appropriate official school directives. In the event a student or students are found to be involved in gang or group related fighting, possession of deadly weapons, destruction of school property, selling illegal drugs and alcohol, and assault of a staff member, said student or students may be immediately removed from school by the principal in accordance with procedure and placement at the Capital City Alternative School.

A student will be deemed to be in possession of a deadly weapon when the weapon is on his person, in his locker, or in his automobile, provided the automobile is under his control and incident to school activities or attendance.

### Principal's Authority to Impose Suspensions

- a. The principal may suspend a student for no longer than 10 consecutive school days. Recommendations for suspensions of more than 10 days are reserved for serious disciplinary offenses. In such cases, a hearing before the School Appeals Committee will be held on or before the tenth school day after suspension is initiated.
  
- b. In cases where the principal's recommended disciplinary action is suspension of 11 school days or longer or expulsion, the principal may suspend a student for no longer than 10 consecutive school days until a hearing by the committee.

SOURCE: JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LEGAL REF: Section 37-7-301; Mississippi Code of 1972  
Tinker vs Des Moines, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)  
Goss vs Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)  
Ingraham vs Wright, 97 S. Ct. 1401 (1977)  
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