

STUDENT SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION  
(A Suspension for No More Than 10 Days)

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Before invoking a short-term suspension, the principal/designee shall investigate all circumstances surrounding the alleged misconduct of the student. Students shall be informed of the nature of all allegations and encouraged to present a defense. If persistent issues are raised by the student, the principal/designee will continue the investigation in an effort to understand all necessary facts surrounding the alleged misconduct. If the student reasonably claims the need for more time to present a defense, the principal/designee should grant a reasonable postponement prior to disciplinary actions being taken.

If the principal/designee finds the allegations true, he may invoke a short-term suspension. He shall notify the parent or guardian of the suspension. A short-term suspension is a denial to a student of the right to attend school and to take part in any school function for any period of time up to ten school days.

Under no circumstances shall a suspended student be allowed to leave school unless the method of transportation is approved by the parent or guardian. Transportation for the suspended student shall comply with one of the following:

1. The school shall provide transportation home for the student, or
2. The parent shall pick up the student at school at a specified time and place, or
3. If the student drives a vehicle to school, the student shall be permitted to drive himself home, or
4. The student shall be permitted to ride the school bus.

If the student refuses to comply with the transportation designated above, the principal/designee may request assistance from the School Resource Officer or other appropriate law enforcement personnel.

The removal of a student from his class by the classroom teacher, principal/designee or other authorized school personnel for the remainder of the subject period or school day to another room or place on school premises shall not be considered a short-term suspension.

When a student is suspended, the principal shall send a statement (JGD-E) to his parents and to the Superintendent fully describing the misconduct, stating the rule violated and stating the principal's reason for action. The principal shall keep on file all documents and relevant information received about the misconduct.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-47, -288, -390, -391

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