

School District #62 (Sooke)

STUDENT SUSPENSION	No.: C-319
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SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

In accordance with Sections 26 and 85(2) of the *BC School Act*, the Board authorizes principals, vice-principals, directors of instruction and the superintendent of schools to suspend a student from attendance at school under certain circumstances.

The Board of Education believes that responses to Code of Conduct violations as well as any other student behaviour that impacts on the educational environment will be fair, equitable, and consistent. The Board further believes that principals and vice-principals will apply the principles of progressive discipline as defined in policy C-309, District and School Code of Conduct taking into account such factors as severity and frequency of the offence(s), as well as the age, maturity, and ability of the student.

The Board of Education recognizes two sets of circumstances related to a student's removal from school:

A. STUDENT SUSPENSION

Suspension of a student is viewed by the Board as a serious course of action, to be taken only in circumstances where the student's behaviour is such that removal from school is deemed necessary, and/or where other corrective measures have not resulted in an acceptable pattern of behaviour.

Any student suspended under this policy must be provided with an educational program as defined in the *BC School Act* for the duration of the suspension.

B. REFUSAL TO OFFER AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Board may refuse to offer an educational program to a student 16 years of age or older if the student fails to apply themselves to their studies or fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the school or Board.

References:

Statutory

- *BC School Act, sect 26, 85(2)(c,d), 85(3)*

Policies

- Bylaw 1-08 "Parent/Student Appeals"
- C-309 "District and School Code of Conduct"
- C-350 "Appeals"