

## MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD 47)

File: JKD

### STUDENT DETENTION/SUSPENSION

#### Detention of Students

A school administrator or teacher may detain a student for disciplinary reasons outside of regular school hours, provided the parent has been notified of the detention and clear and specific arrangements have been made for the student's transportation home.

Detention may also be given for make-up work or for extra help or study sessions, provided the parent is aware of the detention and proper arrangements have been made for the student's transportation home. For further information regarding special education students refer to Policy File: IHBA.

#### Suspension

The School Board delegates to the principals the authority to suspend disobedient and disorderly students for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. Suspensions longer than 10 days may be imposed by the Board.

Prior to the suspension, except as hereinafter provided:

The student shall be given oral or written notice of the charge(s) against him/her;

The student shall be given an explanation of the evidence forming the basis for the charge(s); and

The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident.

However, students 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 such cases, the notice of charges, explanation of evidence, and the student's opportunity to present his/her version of the incident shall be arranged as soon as practical after removal of the student from school.

The student's parents/guardians shall be notified of the suspension as soon as practicable by telephone (if possible) and by written notice sent by mail. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the Office of the Superintendent.

Students shall be responsible for any schoolwork missed during their suspension. After readmittance, they shall be permitted to take tests, quizzes or any form of evaluation affecting their grades.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §1001.9

Cross References: IGDK – Eligibility Requirements for Participation in  
Interscholastic Activities  
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety  
JK – Student Discipline  
JKE – Expulsion of Students  
JKF – Disciplinary Removals of Students with Disabilities

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