

# **Policy Development Committee Agenda**

**3/9/2021**

**7:30 A.M. ~ Gilford High School – Rm 131**

## **Policies to Review**

JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process

JIC – Student Conduct

JICDD – Student Discipline/Out-of-School Actions

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## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND DUE PROCESS**

It is essential for schools to maintain a safe and orderly environment, which supports student learning and achievement. All students are expected to conduct themselves with respect for others and in accordance with School Board policies, school rules, and applicable state and federal laws. Disciplinary action may be taken against students who violate policies, rules, or laws, and/or whose conduct directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school.

Disciplinary consequences will range from a verbal warning for minor misconduct up to and including expulsion for the most serious offenses. The Gilford School District will follow the procedures set forth by state and federal law, specifically RSA 193:13 and Ed 317, in the discipline of students. The Gilford School Board does not review appeals of student disciplinary decisions unless a right to appeal is explicitly conferred by policy or by law.

Behavior that also violates the law may be referred to law enforcement authorities.

### **Temporary Removal from Classroom**

Students may be temporarily removed from the classroom at the discretion of the classroom teacher. A student may be temporarily removed if the student refuses to follow the teacher's directions, fails to follow school policies or rules, disrupts the classroom environment, or otherwise engages in conduct that violates the Student Code of Conduct. During such removals, students will be sent to the building Principal's office or designated area.

### **Teacher Detention**

Students may be assigned a detention at the discretion of the classroom teacher. A student may receive a detention if the student refuses to follow the teacher's directions, fails to follow school policies or rules, disrupts the classroom environment, or otherwise engages in conduct which violates the Student Code of Conduct.

During such detentions, students will be required to remain at school during non-school hours; elementary students may serve a detention during their recess period(s). Parents will be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the detention. The length of the detention is left to the discretion of the classroom teacher and will generally not to exceed one (2) hour.

### **Administrative After-School Detention**

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Students may be assigned a detention at the discretion of the building Principal or designee. A student may receive a detention if the student refuses to follow the administrator's directions, fails to follow school policies or rules, disrupts the school environment, or otherwise engages in conduct which violates the Student Code of Conduct.

During such detentions, students will be required to remain at school during non-school hours; elementary students may serve a detention during their recess period(s). Parents will be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the detention. The length of the detention is left to the discretion of the administration and will generally not to exceed one (1) hour.

### **In-School Suspension**

Students may be assigned in-school suspension at the discretion of the building Principal or designee. During such in-school suspensions, the student will attend school but will be removed from one or more classes and placed in a restricted and supervised classroom within the building. The student will be expected to remain of good behavior and work quietly on school work while serving the in-school suspension. Parents will be notified of an in-school suspension.

### **Short-Term Out-of-School Suspension**

The building Principal or representative designated in writing by the Superintendent is authorized to suspend a student for a specific period of time, not to exceed ten (10) consecutive school days. A suspension may be imposed for:

- Behavior that is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils or school personnel;  
or
- Repeated and willful disregard of the reasonable rules of the school that is not remediated through imposition of the district's graduated sanctions.

During such suspensions, unless otherwise stipulated in writing, a suspended student is not permitted to attend school activities, school sponsored events, or be on school property for the duration of the suspension.

A student who is subject to a short-term suspension (ten school days or fewer) is entitled to the following due process:

1. The student will meet with the building principal or assistant principal to discuss the charges and the evidence against the student. The principal or assistant principal will inform the student of the possibility of a short-term suspension.
2. The student will be given an opportunity to present his or her side of the story at this meeting.

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3. The student and at least one of the student's parents/guardians will receive a written statement explaining any disciplinary action taken against the student.

Depending on the severity of the student's conduct, the building Principal or designee may also refer or recommend the student to the Superintendent for further disciplinary consequences.

### **Long-Term Out-of-School Suspension**

The School Board, or the Superintendent, as the School Board's designee, may extend a student's suspension for up to an additional ten (10) consecutive school days. A long-term out-of-school suspension may be imposed for:

- An act of theft, destruction, or violence as defined in RSA 193-D;
- Bullying pursuant to School District Policy JICK when the student has not responded to targeted interventions and poses an ongoing threat to the safety or welfare of another student; or
- Possession of a firearm, BB gun, or paintball gun.

During such suspensions, unless otherwise stipulated in writing, a suspended student is not permitted to attend school activities, school sponsored events, or be on school property for the duration of the suspension.

A student who is subject to a long-term suspension is entitled to the following due process:

1. Upon recommendation of a long-term suspension and prior to any hearing, there shall be a written communication to the student and at least one of the student's parents or guardians, delivered in person or by mail to the student's last known address, which states the charges and an explanation of the evidence against the student.
2. A hearing that meets the requirements of Ed 317.04(f)(3)(g).
  - a. The school officials shall present evidence in support of the charges and the student (or the student's parent/guardian) shall have an opportunity to present any defense or reply.
  - b. During the hearing, the student, parent/guardian shall have the right to examine any witnesses presented by school officials.
  - c. The hearing shall be either public or private and the choice shall be that of the student or the parent/guardian. Provided, nevertheless, that if the nature of the evidence will violate the privacy of other students or if the Superintendent or
  - d. School Board determines that substantial harm to the pupil could result from an ill-conceived decision to hold the hearing in public, then the Board reserves the right and obligation to insist upon a private hearing.

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- e. The student may, together with a parent/guardian, waive the right to a hearing and admit to the charges.
3. The student is entitled to a written decision which includes the legal and factual basis for the conclusion that the student should be suspended.
4. The written decision shall include notice to the student that the decision may be appealed. For a long term suspension issued by Superintendent, the decision must be appealed in writing to the Gilford School Board within ten days after the issuance of the decision. The School Board will hold a hearing on the appeal but has the discretion to hear evidence or to rely upon the hearing conducted by the Superintendent.
5. For a long term suspension issued by the School Board, the decision must be appealed to the New Hampshire State Board of Education within 20 days after receipt of the decision.
6. The long-term suspension shall remain in effect while an appeal is pending unless the School Board stays the suspension.

Depending on the severity of the student's conduct, the Superintendent may also refer or recommend the student to the School Board for further disciplinary consequences.

### **Expulsion**

The School Board may expel a student, which permanently denies a student's attendance at school. An expulsion may be imposed for an act that poses an ongoing threat to the safety of students or school personnel and that constitutes:

- A repeated act that would permit a long term suspension;
- Any act of physical or sexual assault that would be a felony if committed by an adult; □  
Any act of violence that constitutes a "violent crime" pursuant to RSA 651:5, XIII; or
- Criminal threatening that constitutes a class B felony pursuant to RSA 631:4, II(a).

During an expulsion, unless otherwise stipulated in writing, a student is not permitted to attend school classes or activities, school sponsored events, or occasion school property.

A student who is subject to expulsion is entitled to the following due process:

1. Upon recommendation of an expulsion and prior to any hearing, there shall be a written notice to the student and at least one of the student's parents or guardians, delivered in person or by mail to the student's last known address, which states the date, time, and place for a hearing before the School Board. The notice shall be delivered to the student and at least one of the student's parents/guardians at least **five** calendar days prior to the hearing.

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2. The School Board shall conduct the hearing in accordance with New Hampshire Administrative Rule Ed 317.04(f)(3)(g).
  - a. The school officials shall present evidence in support of the charges and the student (or the student's parent/guardian) shall have an opportunity to present any defense or reply.
  - b. During the hearing, the student, or the parent/guardian shall have the right to examine any witnesses presented by school officials.
  - c. The hearing shall be either public or private and the choice shall be that of the student or the parent/guardian. Provided, nevertheless, that if the nature of the evidence will violate the privacy of other students or if the Board determines that substantial harm to the pupil could result from an ill-conceived decision to hold the hearing in public, then the Board reserves the right and obligation to insist upon a private hearing.
  - d. The student may, together with a parent/guardian, waive the right to a hearing and admit to the charges.
3. Before expelling a pupil under this section the local school board or chartered public school board of trustees shall consider each of the following factors:
  - a. The student's age;
  - b. The student's disciplinary history;
  - c. Whether the student has a disability;
  - d. The seriousness of the violation or behavior committed by the student;
  - e. Whether the school district has implemented positive behavioral interventions;
  - f. Whether a lesser intervention would properly address the violation or behavior committed by the student.
4. The School Board shall issue a written decision stating whether the student is expelled and, if so, the length of the expulsion. If the decision is to expel, the decision must include the legal and factual basis for the decision including the specific statutory reference prohibiting the act for which the student is expelled.
5. The expulsion shall run until the School Board reviews it and restores the student's permission to attend school. The written decision shall state any action that the student may take to be restored by the School Board. The decision shall also state that the student has the right to appeal the decision to the New Hampshire State Board of Education at any time while the expulsion remains in effect.

Any expulsion shall be subject to review by the School Board, if requested, prior to the start of each school year. A student seeking restoration of permission to attend school shall file a written request with the Superintendent prior to the start of each school year which details the basis for the request.

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### **Possession of a Firearm**

Pursuant to RSA 193:13, IV, any student who brings or possesses a firearm (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921) in a safe school zone, as defined in RSA 193-D:1 without written authorization from the Superintendent or designee shall be expelled from school by the Gilford School Board for a period of not less than 12 months.

Pursuant to RSA 193:13, VI, a student who is expelled from school in another state under the provisions of the Gun Free School Zones Act of 1994 shall not be eligible to enroll in the Gilford School District during such expulsion. If the out of state expulsion is for an indefinite period of time, the student may petition the School Board for enrollment upon establishing residency.

As provided in RSA 193:13, VII, both of the above expulsions may be modified by the Superintendent upon review of the specific case in accordance with other applicable law. The expelled student must submit a written application to the Superintendent requesting modification of the expulsion, and the student will be required to submit sufficient evidence in the form of letters, work history, or other documents that it is in the school's best interest and the student's best interest to allow a modification.

### **Superintendent Authority**

The School Board authorizes the Superintendent to reinstate a suspended or expelled pupil on a case-by-case basis.

### **Educational Assignments**

The student's school will make all educational assignments available to the suspended student during the student's suspension. The School District will provide alternative educational services to a student whenever the student is suspended in excess of twenty (20) cumulative days within any school year. Such alternative educational services will be determined by the school Principal or Assistant Principal and shall be designed to enable the student to advance from grade to grade. No student shall be penalized academically solely by virtue of missing class due to suspension.

The School Board, in its discretion, may authorize educational services to be provided to an expelled student in an alternative setting on a case-by-case basis.

### **Behavior Intervention Plans**

The student's school will develop an intervention plan for any student who has been suspended more than ten (10) cumulative school days in any school year. The intervention plan will be designed to proactively address the student's problematic behaviors.

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**Students with Disabilities**

Discipline of students with identified or suspected disabilities will be in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004, New Hampshire State Law on Special Education (RSA 186-C), New Hampshire Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities (Ed 1100), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Code of Conduct**

The School Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish a Code of Conduct designed to correct student misconduct and promote behavior within acceptable norms. The Code of Conduct will include a graduated set of age appropriate responses to misconduct and will set forth standards for short term suspensions up to five (5) school days, short term suspensions up to ten (10) school days, long term suspensions up to 20 school days, and expulsion. Such standards will make reference to the nature and degree of disruption caused to the school environment, the threat to the health and safety of pupils and school personnel, and the isolated or repeated nature of incidents forming the basis of disciplinary action.

**Notice**

This policy and school rules which inform the student body of the content of RSA 193:13 shall be included in the student handbook and made available on the District's website to students, parents, and guardians. The Principal or designated building administrator shall also inform the student body concerning this policy and school rules which address the content of RSA 193:13 through appropriate means, which may include posting and/or announcements.

The Principal of each school shall make certain that the pupil has received notice of the requirements of RSA 193:13 and RSA 193-D:1 through announced, posted, or printed school rules at the beginning of each school year. The statutory text shall be printed in the school handbook to be distributed to each student at the beginning of the school year; and shall be announced, posted, and printed at other appropriate locations and times in the middle school and high school. Nothing herein shall prevent a school principal from printing, posting and/or announcing other rules applicable to the school.

**Cross References:**

Student Rights and Responsibilities, Policy JI  
Weapons on School Property, Policy JIC1  
Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention – Bullying, Policy JICK

***Legal References:***

*18 U.S.C. § 921, Definition of Firearm*



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*RSA 189:15, Regulations*

*RSA 193:13, Suspension & Expulsion of Pupils*

*RSA 651:5, XIII, Annulment of Criminal Records - Violent Crimes*

*RSA 631:4, II(a), Criminal Threatening*

*RSA Chapter 193-D, Safe School Zones*

*RSA Chapter 193-F, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a), Policy Development*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(f), Student Discipline*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 317, Standards and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils Including Procedures Assuring Due Process*

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND DUE PROCESS**

At all times, students are required to conduct themselves in accordance with behavioral standards set forth in Policy JIC and all other applicable Board policies and all District or school rules. Failure to comply can lead to disciplinary consequences as set forth in this policy and applicable law.

### **A. Disciplinary Measures - "Definitions".**

Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, restriction from activities, probation, and expulsion.

1. "Removal from the classroom" means a student is sent to the building Principal's office. It is within the discretion of the person in charge of the classroom to remove the student.
2. "Detention" means the student's presence is required for disciplinary purposes before or after the hours when the student is assigned to be in class. The building Principal is authorized to establish guidelines or protocol for when detention shall be served (either before school or after school). Whether a student will serve detention, and the length of the detention, is within the discretion of the licensed employee disciplining the student or the building Principal.
3. "In-school suspension" means the student will attend school but will be temporarily isolated from one or more classes while under supervision. An in-school suspension will not exceed ten (10) consecutive school days.
4. "Out-of-school suspension" means the temporary denial of a student's attendance at school for a specific period of time for gross misconduct, for neglect, or refusal to conform to school rules or policies.
  - a. "Short-term suspension" means a suspension of ten (10) school days or less. Ed 317.04(a)(1).
  - b. "Long-term suspension" means the continuation of a short-term suspension under RSA 193:13, I (b)-(c), and also means a suspension in excess of ten (10) school days under Ed 317.04(a)(2).
5. "Restriction from school activities" means a student will attend school, classes, and practice but will not participate in other school extra-curricular activities, including competitions.
6. "Probation" means a student is given a conditional suspension of a penalty for a definite period of time in addition to being reprimanded. The conditional suspension will mean the student must meet the conditions and terms for the suspension of the penalty. Failure of the student to meet these conditions and terms will result in immediate reinstatement of the penalty.

7. "Expulsion" means the permanent denial of a pupil's attendance at school for any of the reasons listed in RSA 193:13, II and III.

**B. Standards for Removal from Classroom and Detention.**

Students may be removed from the classroom at the classroom teacher's discretion if the student refuses to obey the teacher's directives, becomes disruptive, fails to abide by school rules or policies, or otherwise impedes the educational purpose of the class.

Likewise, classroom teachers may assign students to detention for similar conduct.

The building Principal may assign students to detention under the same standard.

**C. Standards for In-School Suspension, Restriction of Activities, and Probation.**

The building Principal or designee is authorized to issue in-school suspensions, restrictions of activities, or place a student on probation for any failure to conform to school or School District policies or rules, or for any conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors, is otherwise inappropriate, or is prohibited by law.

Restriction of activities may also be issued pursuant to rules or policies pertaining to specific clubs or teams.

**D. Process for Out-of-School Suspension.**

The power of suspension is authorized for gross misconduct, for neglect, or refusal to conform to School District policies and rules as follows:

**1. Short-term Suspensions.** The building Principal, or designee] (as designee of the Superintendent) is authorized to suspend a student for ten (10) school days or less. The Principal shall consult with the Superintendent prior to issuing any suspension.

As required by RSA 193:13(a), educational assignments shall be made available to the suspended pupil during the period of suspension.

Due process standards for short-term suspensions (ten (10) days or less) will adhere to the requirements of Ed 317.04(f)(1).

**2. Long-term Suspensions.** The Superintendent is authorized to continue the suspension and issue a long-term suspension of a pupil for a period in excess of ten (10) school days, provided only that if the Superintendent issued the original short-term suspension, then the School Board may designate another person to continue the short-term suspension and issue the long-term suspension.

Prior to a long-term suspension, the student will be afforded an informal hearing on the matter. The informal hearing need not rise to the level and protocol of a formal hearing before the School Board, but the process must comply with the requirements of Ed 317.04 (f)(2) and Ed 317.04 (f)(3)(g), including, without limitation, the requirements for advance notice and a written decision.

Any suspension in excess of ten (10) school days, as described in Paragraph 2 of this Section, is appealable to the School Board, provided the Superintendent receives the appeal in writing within ten (10) days after the issuance of the [Superintendent]'s decision described in Paragraph 2. Any suspension in excess of ten (10) school days shall remain in effect while this appeal is pending.

**E. Process for Expulsion.**

1. Any pupil may be expelled by the School Board for (a) an act of theft, destruction, or violence as defined in RSA Chapter 193-D, (b) for possession of a pellet paint ball gun or BB gun or rifle as provided by RSA 193:13, II, or (c) for gross misconduct, or for neglect or refusal to conform to the reasonable rules of the school. An expulsion under this paragraph will run until the School Board restores the student's permission to attend school. A student seeking restoration of permission to attend school shall file a written request with the Superintendent which details the basis for the request. The Board will determine whether and in what manner it will consider any such request.

2. Additionally, any pupil may be expelled by the School Board for bringing or possessing a firearm as defined in Section 921 U.S.C. Title 18 in a safe school zone, as defined in RSA 193-D:1, unless such pupil has written authorization from the Superintendent. Any expulsion under this provision shall be for a period of not less than twelve (12) months.

3. Prior to any expulsion, the District will ensure that the due process standards set forth in Ed 317.04(f)(3) are followed.

4. Any decision by the Board to expel a student may be appealed to the State Board of Education.

5. An expelled pupil has the right to request a review of the expulsion prior to the start of each school year.

A request for review should be directed by the pupil to the Superintendent of Schools and should be received by the Superintendent on or before August 15. The request shall set forth each and all reasons why the pupil's right to attend school should be reinstated. Of particular importance would necessarily be such information as might convince school authorities that the conduct which led to the expulsion would not be repeated.

6. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to modify the expulsion or suspension requirements of Sections E.1 and E.2 above on a case-by-case basis.

**F. Sub-committee of Board.** For purposes of sections D and E of this policy, "Board" or "School Board" may either be a quorum of the full Board, or a subcommittee of the Board duly authorized by the School Board.

**G. Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities.**

If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the New Hampshire RSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with

Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

#### **H. Notice.**

This policy and school rules which inform the student body of the content of RSA 193:13 shall be printed in the student handbook and made available on the District's website to students, parents, and guardians. The Principal or designated building administrator shall also inform the student body concerning this policy and school rules which address the content of RSA 193:13 through appropriate means, which may include posting and announcements. See: Ed. 317.04(d).

#### **Legal References:**

*RSA 189:15, Regulations*

*RSA 193:13, Suspension & Expulsion of Pupils*

*RSA Chapter 193-D, Safe Schools Zones*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(3), Discipline*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(f), Student Discipline Policy*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 317.04, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils Assuring Due Process Disciplinary Procedures*

*In re Keelin B., 162 N.H. 38, 27 A.3d 689 (2011)*

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## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

### **A. General Conduct Standards and Disciplinary Concepts.**

Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors, violates other Board policies or is otherwise inappropriate is prohibited. Students are expected to maintain appropriate classroom behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption.

Students will conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration for the rights of others, while on Gilford School District property or on property within the jurisdiction of the Gilford School District; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; and/or while attending or engaged in school activities. Students may also be disciplined for off-campus behavior in accordance with the provisions of Policies JICDD and JICK.

Terms, and levels of discipline are established in Policy JICD, as are the due process procedures to be afforded relative to each level of discipline. Disciplinary measures as defined in that policy include, but are not limited to, removal from the classroom, detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, restriction from activities, probation, and expulsion.

Due process in accordance with all applicable laws will be afforded to any student involved in a proceeding that may result in suspension, exclusion, or expulsion. Students expelled from school may be reinstated by the Board under the provisions of RSA 193:13.

### **B. Implementation and Notice.**

The School Board delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility of adopting and implementing such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she, in consultation with the appropriate building Principal, deems necessary to implement this policy.

The content of RSA 193:13, this policy, and any such rules and regulations adopted hereunder, shall be printed in the student handbook(s) and distributed to all students, and parents/guardians. The Superintendent shall also assure that this policy, the content of 193:13, and any such rules and regulations adopted under this policy are made available on the District's website, with additional notice provided to the student body as the Superintendent or building Principal deems appropriate (e.g., periodic postings and notices).

Rules and regulations adopted and published under this policy will be deemed to be regulations and policies of the School Board and maintained as School Board records. The Superintendent shall provide to the School Board copies of all student handbook(s), and other rules and the regulations adopted under this policy. The School Board retains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any such rules and regulations consistent with the Board's statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations and

procedures.

### **C. Parental Notification of Simple Assaults.**

Pursuant to RSA 193-D:4, I (b), the Superintendent is directed to adopt and implement procedures requiring parents/guardians of each student involved in a simple assault (victim and perpetrator) occurring during the school day, when such assault causes: any form of bodily injury, including bruising or discoloration, or would otherwise constitute a disciplinable offense under either District or building rules of conduct. For purposes of this policy, "simple assault" shall have the same meaning as that provided in RSA 631:2-a (a simple assault occurs when one purposefully or knowingly causes bodily injury or unprivileged physical contact to another; or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon).

### **D. Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities.**

If a student is disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the New Hampshire RSA 186-C, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or any other law providing special rights to disabled students, those laws shall govern and shall supersede these local policies to the extent these local policies are inconsistent with those laws. Accordingly, any suspension or expulsion of a child with a disability as defined in Ed 1102.01(t) shall be in accordance with Ed 1124.01.

#### **Legal References:**

*RSA 193:13, Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils*

*RSA 193-D:4, Written Report Required*

*RSA 631:2-a, Simple Assault*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(f)(4), Student Discipline*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.06, Culture and Climate*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 317.04(b), Disciplinary Procedures*

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## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIONS**

The Board recognizes that out-of-school and off-campus student conduct is not normally the concern of the Board. However, the Board also recognizes that some out-of-school and off-campus conduct may have an adverse effect upon the school, school property, or school staff.

Therefore, it shall be the policy of this Board that the Board or school administrators may impose disciplinary measures against students for some out-of-school or off-campus conduct.

Discipline may be imposed if such out-of-school conduct causes a significant disruption or substantial interference with the school's educational mission, purpose, or objectives.

Additionally, any off-campus or out-of-school behavior that has a strong potential to disrupt normal school operations may also be met with appropriate disciplinary actions.

Out-of-school and off-campus student conduct that may subject a student to discipline includes, but is not limited to:

1. Damaging school property;
2. Violence at or near the school's bus stop, either before or after the school day;
3. Drinking alcohol, using tobacco products, or using illegal drugs at or near the school bus stop, either before or after the school day;
4. Damaging the private property of school staff or employees; or
5. Any other activity the Board or administration determines impedes the general welfare of scholastic or co-curricular activities.

### **Cyber-Bullying and Internet Threats**

Reports and/or allegations of cyberbullying will be addressed in accordance with the provisions of Board policy JICK.

Consistent with applicable law, the District will not require or request that a student disclose or provide to the District the student's user name, password or other authenticating information to a student's personal social media account.

However, the District may make a request to a student or a student's parent/guardian that the student voluntarily share printed copies of specific information from a student's personal social media account if such information is relevant to an ongoing District investigation.

### **Legal References:**

*RSA 189:70, Educational Institution Policies on Social Media*



*Current GSD policy. Suggest withdrawing this policy as it is incorporated in the new JICD policy.  
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