

**Derry Cooperative School District No. 1
NH School Administrative Unit #10
18 South Main Street
Derry, NH 03038**

EPS Code: J K D

District Code:

SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

Schools must provide an environment conducive to learning for all students. In order to maintain this learning environment, students are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous and sensible manner. Because a good school citizen respects the rights and property of others, all students will refrain from the following:

- chewing gum
- improper attire
- throwing objects
- unacceptable/profane language
- vandalism
- striking an adult
- sale, use or possession of drugs, paraphernalia, or alcohol
- possession or use of tobacco substances
- fighting
- theft
- possession of weapon

Schools will address minor offenses with consequences within the building, i.e., behavior plans, detentions, etc.

The Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, shall have the authority to suspend students for a period of up to 10 days for the following reasons:

- unacceptable language/profanity to an adult
- vandalism
- striking an adult
- sale, use or possession of drugs, paraphernalia, or alcohol
- possession or use of tobacco substances
- fighting
- theft
- possession of weapon

In school suspension shall be given at the discretion of the building administrator for offenses that do not pose a threat to the student or others. Repeated in school suspensions which have no impact on changing behavior could result in an out of school suspension.

The building administrator will notify the parent of any suspension by phone, with written follow-up.

Suspensions exceeding 10 days, or expulsions, will be recommended by the Superintendent of Schools upon a written report by the building administrator. The School Board will convene a discipline hearing in accordance with the student due process policy before they render a decision on the Superintendent's recommendation.

**SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL DISABILITIES
OR 504 HANDICAPPED**

When a student receives multiple short-term suspensions, the pupil placement team must be convened to determine:

- if modifications or amendments should be made to student's IEP
- if the offense is a manifestation of the student's disability, which requires a consequence other than suspension

Suspension of more than 10 days, at one time, or cumulatively during a school year, constitutes a change in placement and requires the pupil placement team to meet immediately.

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The Derry School District adheres to the belief that a student, while serving a suspension either in or out of school, should have the opportunity to makeup missed class work.

In implementing this policy, the School District must in addition uphold any federal and state regulations regarding student conduct.