

TEACHER REMOVAL OF STUDENTS FROM CLASS

Teachers have the initial authority to remove students from class for disruptive behavior. “Disruptive behavior” means a violation of School Board policies or regulations issued by the superintendent governing student conduct that interrupts or obstructs the learning environment.

This removal is not equivalent to a referral to the school administration for disciplinary actions including suspension. This removal is teacher-directed with principal notification for temporary placement of a student in another setting within the school.

Criteria for Removal

In order for a teacher to remove a student from class for disruptive behavior:

- removal of the student from the class must be necessary to restore a learning environment free from interruptions and obstructions caused by the student’s behavior,
- interventions by the teacher and/or administrator have been attempted and failed to end the student’s disruptive behavior, and
- notice of the student’s disruptive behavior and the opportunity to meet with the teacher and/or school administrators must have been provided to the student’s parents as described below.

When all of the above criteria have been satisfied, a teacher may remove a student from class.

Requirements for Incident Reports

Teachers will meet with students when disruptive behavior is an issue to discuss needed changes in behavior. Teachers should write incident reports regarding all incidents of disruptive behavior. The reports will be filed with the school administration and provided to the student’s parents within 24 hours of the incident. The parents must be given the opportunity to meet with the teacher and/or school administrator to discuss the student’s behavior and the possible consequences if the behavior continues. The teacher will document, in writing, his or her attempts to request and encourage the parents to meet with him or her or school administrators.

A teacher may not remove a student from class for disruptive behavior unless two written incident reports have been filed with school administrators and provided to the student’s parents concerning two prior incidents of disruptive behavior. Upon removal, the teacher shall file a “Student Removal Form” (Form JFCA-F) with school administrators. The teacher will include any other documentation supporting the removal including, but not limited to, the previous two incident reports.

Procedures for Written Notification of Student and Parents

The teacher shall provide copies of any incident report and Student Removal Form to the student and the student's parents and notify them of the opportunity to meet with the teacher and/or school administrators to discuss the behavior and the possible consequences if the behavior continues. Such notice shall be provided within twenty-four hours of each incident. The teacher shall document, in writing, his or her attempts to request and encourage the parents to meet with school administrators and/or the teacher. Such notice and documentation shall be required for each incident report and student removal.

The incident reports will not become a part of the student's discipline record unless the student is referred to the administration for disciplinary actions.

Guidelines for Alternative Assignment and Instruction of Removed Students

The principal shall determine the appropriate placement of any student removed from class by a teacher. The principal may:

1. assign the student to an alternative program.
2. assign the student to another class.
3. send the student to the principal's office or study hall. If the principal chooses this option, the teacher shall provide and evaluate appropriate make-up work for the student.
4. suspend or recommend the student for expulsion. If the principal chooses this option, alternative instruction and assignment, if any, shall be provided according to School Board policy and in the case of students with disabilities, in accordance with federal law.
5. return the student to class (in accordance with the procedures below). Procedure for the Student's Return to Class

The principal shall determine, after consultation with the teacher, the duration of the student's removal from class. The principal shall notify the teacher of the decision to return the student to class. If the teacher disagrees with the principal's decision to return a student to the class:

- the teacher and principal shall discuss the teacher's objection to returning the student to class and the principal's reason for returning the student.
- the teacher, after meeting with the principal, may appeal the principal's decision to the Superintendent or designee within one school day. The incident reports and removal form must accompany the appeal. After discussion with the principal and teacher or after receiving their written comments, the decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be final. The decision shall be made within forty-eight hours of the teacher's appeal. During the appeal process, the student shall not be returned to class and the principal will determine an appropriate placement for the student.

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Once the decision has been made to return the student to class, the teacher and principal shall develop a plan to address future disruptive behavior.

Other Provisions

The principal shall ensure that students removed from class under this policy continue to receive an education in accordance with School Board policies.

Application of this policy to students with disabilities shall be consistent with federal and state law and regulations as well as School Board policy regarding students with disabilities.

Teacher deficiencies in classroom management shall be addressed in teacher evaluations pursuant to Policy GCN-Evaluation of Professional Staff.

This policy does not limit or restrict the ability of school division employees to apply other policies, regulations or laws for maintaining order in the classroom.

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Cross Refs:	GCN	Evaluation of Professional Staff
	JFC	Student Conduct
	JGDA	Disciplining Students with Disabilities
	JGDB	Discipline of Students with Disabilities for Infliction of Serious Bodily Injury
	JGD/JGE	Student Suspension/Expulsion