

Wilson County Board of Education

Policy Description: Suspension/Expulsion/Placement Page 1 of 3	Policy Number: 6.316	Amended Date: 02/04/10
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1 DEFINITIONS¹

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3 *Suspension*: dismissed from attendance at school for any reason not more than ten (10) consecutive days.
4 Multiple suspensions shall not run consecutively nor shall multiple suspensions be applied to avoid expulsion
5 from school.

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7 *Expulsion*: removal from attendance for more than ten (10) consecutive days or more than fifteen (15) days in a
8 month of school attendance. Multiple suspensions that occur consecutively shall constitute expulsion.

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10 *Placement or Change of Placement*: assignment to an alternative school.

11 REASONS FOR SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

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14 Any principal, principal teacher or assistant principal (herein called principal) may suspend/expel any student
15 from attendance at school or any school related activity on or off campus or from attendance at a specific class
16 or classes or from riding a school bus without suspending such student from attendance at school (in-school
17 suspension) for good and sufficient reasons including, but not limited to:²

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- 19 1. Willful and persistent violation of the rules of the school or truancy;
- 20 2. Immoral or disreputable conduct, including vulgar or profane language;
- 21 3. Violence or threatened violence against the person of any personnel attending or assigned to any
22 school;
- 23 4. Willful or malicious damage to real or personal property of the school, or the property of any person
24 attending or assigned to the school;
- 25 5. Inciting, advising or counseling of others to engage in any of the acts herein enumerated;
- 26 6. Marking, defacing, or destroying school property;
- 27 7. Possession of a pistol, gun or firearm on school property;³

¹ TCA 49-6-3007(h)

² TCA 49-2-203(a)(7); TCA 49-6-3401(a)

³ TCA 49-6-4216; TCA 39-17-1309; TCA 39-17-417

- 1 8. Possession of a knife, etc., as defined in TCA 39-6-1701, on school property;
- 2 9. Assaulting a principal or teacher with vulgar, obscene or threatening language;
- 3 10. Unlawful use or possession of barbitol or legend drugs or drug paraphernalia, as defined in TCA 53-10-
- 4 101;
- 5 11. Any other conduct prejudicial to good order or discipline in any school; and
- 6 12. Off campus criminal behavior resulting in felony charges; when behavior poses a danger to persons or
- 7 property or disrupts the educational process.

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9 **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION¹**

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11 1. Students given an in-school suspension in excess of one (1) day from classes shall attend either special
- 12 classes attended only by students guilty of misconduct or be placed in an isolated area appropriate for
- 13 study; and²
- 14 2. Personnel responsible for in-school suspension will see that each student is supervised at all times and
- 15 has textbooks and class work assignments from his/her regular teachers. Students given in-school
- 16 suspension shall be required to complete academic assignments and shall receive credit for work
- 17 completed.

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19 **PROCEDURES FOR OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION/EXPULSION**

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21 1. Unless the student's continued presence in the school, class or school related activity presents an
- 22 immediate danger to the student or other persons or property, no principal shall suspend/expel any
- 23 student until that student has been advised of the nature of his/her misconduct, questioned about it and
- 24 allowed to give an explanation.³
- 25 2. Upon suspension/expulsion of any student (in-school suspension in excess of one (1) day), the principal
- 26 shall make an immediate attempt to contact the parent/guardian to inform them of the
- 27 suspension/expulsion. The student shall not be sent home before the end of the school day unless the
- 28 parent/guardian has been contacted.⁴
- 29 3. The principal shall notify the parent/guardian and the Director of Schools or designee in writing:
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 - 31 • of the suspension/expulsion and the cause for it; and
 - 32 • a request for a meeting with the parent/guardian, student and principal to be held as soon as
 - 33 possible but no later than five (5) days following the suspension/expulsion.

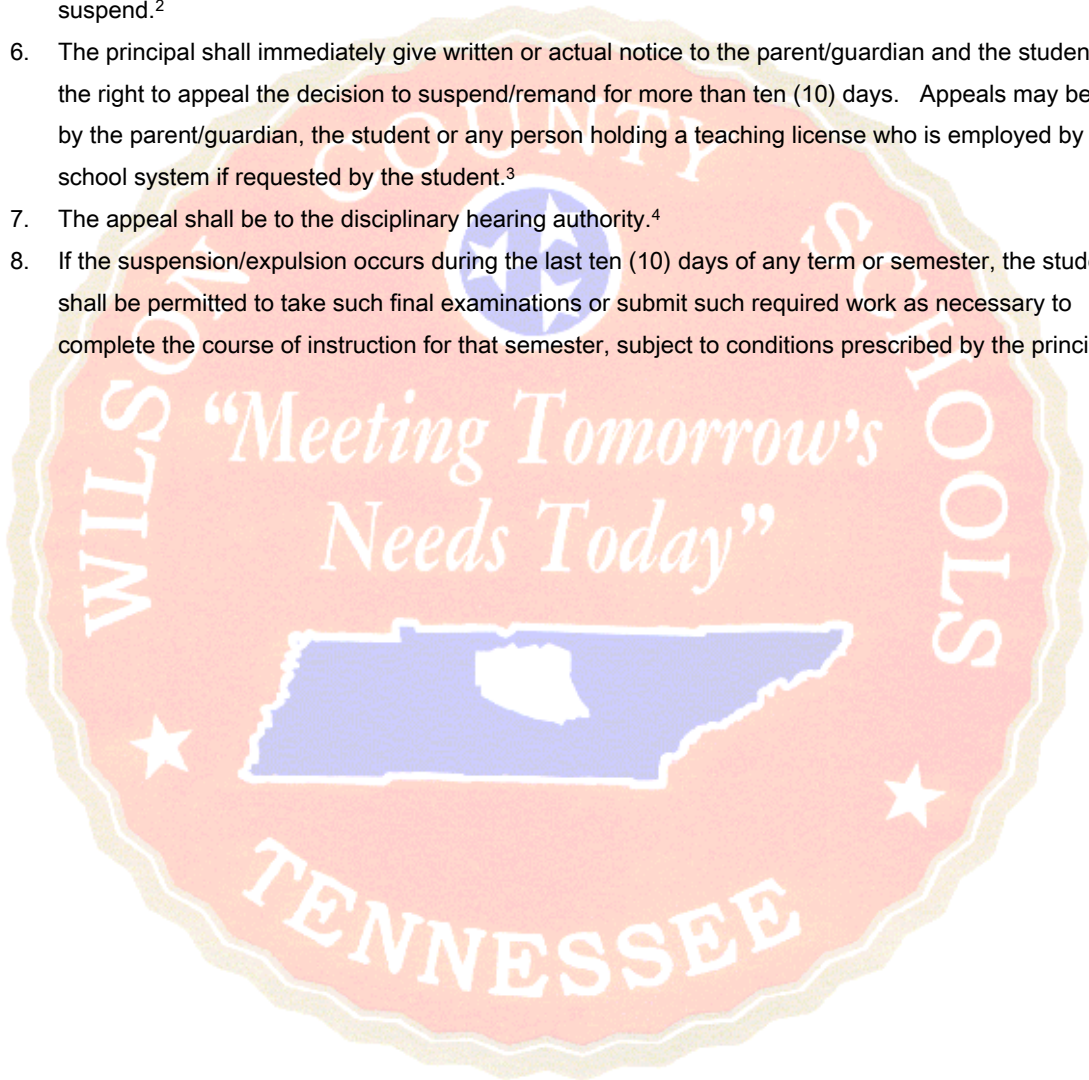
¹ TCA 49-6-3401(b)

² TCA 49-6-3401(b)(2)

³ TCA 49-6-3401(c)(1)

⁴ TCA 49-6-3401(c)(2)

- 1 4. Immediately following the scheduled meeting, whether or not attended by the parent/guardian or
2 student, the principal shall determine the length of the suspension/expulsion and set conditions for
3 readmission. If the principal determines the length of the suspension to be between six (6) and the
4 maximum of ten (10) days, the principal shall develop and implement a plan for correcting the behavior
5 when the student returns to school.¹
- 6 5. If at the time of the suspension the principal determines that an offense has been committed which, in
7 the judgment of the principal would justify a suspension for more than ten (10) days, he/she may
8 suspend.²
- 9 6. The principal shall immediately give written or actual notice to the parent/guardian and the student of
10 the right to appeal the decision to suspend/remand for more than ten (10) days. Appeals may be filed
11 by the parent/guardian, the student or any person holding a teaching license who is employed by the
12 school system if requested by the student.³
- 13 7. The appeal shall be to the disciplinary hearing authority.⁴
- 14 8. If the suspension/expulsion occurs during the last ten (10) days of any term or semester, the student
15 shall be permitted to take such final examinations or submit such required work as necessary to
16 complete the course of instruction for that semester, subject to conditions prescribed by the principal.⁵



¹ TCA 49-6-3401 (c)(3)

² TCA 49-6-3401(c)(4)(a)

³ TCA 49-6-3401(c)(4)(B)

⁴ TCA 49-6-3401(c)(4)(c)

⁵ TCA 49-6-3401(d)