

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Policy
Series 6000 – Students
Policy #6212 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND SUSPENSION

All staff must constantly promote an honest and open communication system which involves students, parents/guardians, all other staff, and the community-at large. Such a system can result in a mutual understanding of the rights and responsibilities which belongs to each individual and a more pleasant and successful climate can be created.

Students are expected:

- a) To conform to standards of acceptable behavior as set forth by the BOCES;
- b) To obey regulations developed, approved and implemented at the schools where they are enrolled.

The purpose of disciplinary practices is to encourage the attainment of the following goals:

- a) Development of self-discipline;
- b) Development of personal responsibilities;
- c) Development of the ability to use individual freedom in a responsible manner;
- d) Maintenance of an environment conducive to learning;
- e) Protection of all individuals from verbal and/or physical abuse;
- f) Protection of personal and public property.

Written rules and regulations shall be developed, applied and communicated to all parties concerned.

STUDENT SUSPENSION

There are occasions, however, after all reasonable procedures having been exhausted, when the educational process may be better served by the suspension of a student.

A student (except that under no circumstance will a child in the pre-school aged program be disciplined or expelled) may be suspended from a BOCES program, or classroom under the following circumstances:

- a) If the student is insubordinate, and/or disruptive, and/or disorderly, and/or engages in conduct which otherwise endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others, and/or engages in disorderly or violent behavior while in attendance at a BOCES school or class, on or off school grounds, at a BOCES sponsored event, and/or en route to or from such a school in a vehicle operated by or on behalf of BOCES.

Authority to suspend a student shall be vested in each of the following:

- a) The Executive Principal, Principal, and/or the Program Supervisor or Administrator who acts as Principal (“Acting Principal”) of the program where the student attends if authorized by the BOCES; provided that any such suspension shall not exceed five school days.

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- b) The local Superintendent of Schools.
- c) The District Superintendent.

Whenever a student is suspended, the procedures employed shall be consistent with the provisions of Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner.

Policy References:

Refer also to Policies #6210 -- Student Conduct and #7121 -- Discipline of Students With Disabilities.

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