

1 **St. Regis School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Suspension and Expulsion

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7 The District recognizes and honors students’ constitutional right to education opportunity.
8 However, as provided under Montana law, the District will exercise its right to suspend or expel
9 a student when necessary. The District expects all students to know and follow District policies
10 and rules. The District considers a student’s failure or refusal to comply with District policies
11 and rules cause for discipline, including short-term suspension, long-term suspension, or
12 expulsion.

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14 The following definitions apply for purposes of this policy:

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- 16 • Short-term suspension means exclusion from school or from individual classes for a specific
17 period of time, not to exceed ten (10) consecutive days per incident, after which a student has
18 the right to return to school and classes. An administrator may order short-term suspension
19 of a student.
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- 21 • Long-term suspension means exclusion from school for a specific period of time longer than
22 ten (10) consecutive days per incident, after which a student has the right to return to school.
23 The Superintendent may order long-term suspension of a student, with due process,
24 including, without limitation, Board action.
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- 26 • Expulsion means permanent exclusion from school. Expulsion is a disciplinary action
27 available only to the Board.
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29 Students with disabilities will be suspended or expelled pursuant to provisions of the Individuals
30 with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and corresponding Montana law.

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32 The Board authorizes a building administrator to order an emergency long-term suspension
33 pending due process, if a student’s presence in school poses a danger to the student, other
34 persons, or property or poses disruption of education. The District must afford the student
35 appropriate due process as soon as possible following suspension of the student.

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37 The Superintendent will develop procedures to implement this policy and submit the procedures
38 to the Board for its advice and consent.

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42 Legal Reference:	20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq.	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
43	20-4-302, MCA	Discipline and punishment of pupils
44		definition of corporal punishment penalty
45		defense

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4	20-4-402, MCA	Duties of district superintendent or county high school principal
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6	20-5-105, MCA	Attendance officer powers and duties
7	20-5-106, MCA	Truancy
8	20-5-201, MCA	Duties and sanctions
9	20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and expulsion
10	ARM 10.16.3346	Aversive Treatment Procedures

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