BACKGROUND

Saskatoon Public Schools believes that the disciplining of students should be corrective rather than punitive in nature. Staffs are encouraged to determine the cause of misbehavior and try to rectify it through various means, including consultation with other staff members, parents and/or students. When disciplinary action is required, the Principal shall delegate the administration of such disciplinary measures as may be necessary. The level of discipline should reflect that which would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent. Practices involving the application of corporal punishment are forbidden.

PROCEDURES

1. The suspension of students is governed by Section 154 of The Education Act, 1995.
2. The expulsion of students is governed by Section 155 of The Education Act, 1995.
3. Where a student is suspended from school the Principal shall report the circumstances and the action taken to the student and to the student's parent or guardian. The following communication procedures should take place:
   - Step 1 – Normal communication procedure would include either a phone call or a meeting with the parent/guardian of the student.
   - Step 2 – The notification of suspension must be completed in writing as soon as possible, but no later than two days after the first day of the suspension. This notification is provided to the student’s parent/guardian with a copy sent to the appropriate Superintendent of Education.
4. Where the actions of a student create a safety risk for another student, Administrative Procedure 357 – Safe and Caring Schools: Violent Threat/Risk Assessment will guide the actions of the school and the division.

Reference: Section, 154, 155, Education Act, SPS Administrative Procedure 357.
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