

## **POLICY 5131.7**

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### **STUDENT SUSPENSIONS**

Students are expected to comply with school rules authorized by the principal, and with the code of conduct and any other relevant rules and policies of the Greater Victoria Board of School Trustees, *School Act* [Sections 6 (1), 85 (2)(c)(i)].

The Greater Victoria Board of School Trustees authorizes principals to suspend pupils in accordance with the provisions of the *School Act*, Section 85 (2)(c)(ii) and (d), Regulation 5 6(a) and (7)(g) and Greater Victoria School District #61 Regulations, 5131.4, (Student Abuse) 5131.3, (Weapons in Schools) and 5131.2 (Threats).

The Board, however, directs the Superintendent, or their delegate, to ensure that the suspension of any student is undertaken, for any length of time, only after exhaustion of all alternative actions which the principal has at their disposal.

Further, The Board directs the Superintendent, or their delegate, to ensure that once a suspension has been effected, all possible District and community resources are organized to resolve the problem with necessitated this action and to have the suspension lifted.

Procedures to be used by principals prior to, during, and after suspension, are provided in the attendant School District Regulation, 5131.7. (Student Suspensions)

**Reference:**     **Policy 5131.1: Discipline**  
                  **Policy 5131.3: Weapons**  
                  **Policy 5131.2: Threats**  
                  **Policy 5114.6: Attendance**  
                  **Policy 5131.4: Substance Abuse**  
                  **Bylaw 9330.1: Appeal Process**

**Legal Reference:**

**School Act Section 103 (2)(c)(ii) and (d): Power and Capacity**  
**School Act Section 6 (1)(a)(b): Duties of Students**  
**Regulation 5 (6)(a) and (7)(g): Powers and Duties of**  
**Administrative Officers**

*Greater Victoria School District*

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