

Sec. 6-9. Suspension of Pupils - Cause. For gross disobedience, misconduct, or other violation as defined by the Student Code of Conduct of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, a pupil may be suspended temporarily by the principal for a period not exceeding ten consecutive school days for each offense. For a pupil with a disability, the pupil may be suspended for a period not exceeding ten school days in a school year, except where the school has consulted with and received approval from the Officer of Diverse Learner Supports and Services or their designee. Every such suspension shall be reported to the parent or guardian of the pupil, with a full statement of the reasons for such suspension and also reported to the Chief of Schools. The parent or guardian of a suspended student shall have the right to appeal the suspension decision to the appropriate Chief of Schools or designee. The Chief of Schools or their designee shall have authority to review the action of the principal and make a final determination as to the suspension of the student.

Prior to any suspension, the student shall be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student and an informal hearing with an explanation of the basis of the charge and an opportunity to explain his/her version of the facts. Students whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process may be immediately removed from school. In such cases, the necessary notice and informal hearing should follow as soon as practicable.