

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

## POLICY SERIES 500 - STUDENT POPULATION

### 502 STUDENT CONDUCT 502.4 Student Suspensions

The policy of the Board of Education School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky), is to keep students in school in productive and safe learning environments.

However, there are occasions and circumstances when a student may engage in prohibited behaviours, fail to comply with the District and School Codes of Conduct and/or cause risk to himself/herself or others. In these circumstances, the Board recognizes that the most suitable course of action may be to deny the student the right to attend school for a period of time. The *School Act* Section 26 states that,

- “a Principal or Vice principal of a school or the Superintendent of schools may suspend a student of the school if
- (a) the rules made under section 85 (2) (c) by the board operating the school do not provide otherwise, and
  - (b) the suspension is carried out in accordance with those rules.”

The Board has complied with Section 85 (2) (c) in that it has made rules, “establishing a code of conduct for students attending educational programs operated by or on behalf of the board,”

The District and School Codes of Conduct are specified in Board Policies 502.1 and 502.2. Through this Policy, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and principals to suspend students (Section 26). Principals, in turn, may authorize vice-principals to suspend students.

The Board authorizes two categories of student suspensions:

1. Category 1 Suspension
  - 1.1 Category 1 Suspensions are suspensions of five days or less.
  - 1.2 The requirements of a Category 1 suspension are set out in the Regulation accompanying this Policy.
2. Category 2 Suspensions
  - 2.1 Category 2 suspensions are suspensions in excess of five days.
  - 2.2 The requirements of a Category 2 suspension are set out in the Regulation accompanying this Policy.
  - 2.3 The Superintendent will refer Category 2 suspensions to either the District Suspension Committee or the Board, as appropriate. Should the District Suspension Committee be unable to resolve all issues related to the suspension, it will be referred to the Board.