



SECTION:	Student Management and Welfare	APPROVAL DATE:
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POLICY NAME:	Pupil Suspension	LAST REVISED:
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The Wellington Catholic District School Board, in compliance with the Education Act, requires a principal to suspend a pupil who commits an infraction for which a mandatory suspension is prescribed in the Board's Code of Conduct. The principal or teacher may issue a discretionary suspension for other infractions as outlined in the Code.

In effecting the suspension, the principal will ensure that the student was at school or involved in a school related event at the time of the infraction. In unique circumstances, the discretionary consequences detailed in the Code of Conduct may be extended to include serious infractions committed outside of regular school hours or occurring beyond Board/school property. This may occur when the safety of a student is at risk or when, in the opinion of the principal, a student's conduct in the community adversely affects the tone of the school.

The Board recognizes and affirms that the principal, subject to the authority of the appropriate supervisory officer, is in charge of the school and may take specific disciplinary action as outlined in the Education Act, regulations and respective Board policy.

The parent/legal guardian of a student, or the student where he or she is eighteen years of age or older, may appeal any suspension greater than the minimum suspension required by this policy. Where no appeal is made a student's suspension is reviewed by the Director.

The Board acknowledges that the suspension of a student is a serious disciplinary measure taken by a principal. Notwithstanding the above, the Board is supportive of fair and just discipline that is progressive in nature.