

Short-Term Suspensions In-School Suspensions (ISS)

General Education & Special Education Students

Short-term suspension means a suspension in which a student is excluded from school for up to ten consecutive school days, subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-475. Please see Washington Administrative Code (WAC) under WAC 392-400-025 Definitions

In-school suspension means a suspension in which a student is excluded from the student's regular educational setting but remains in the student's current school placement for up to ten consecutive school days, subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-475. Please see Washington Administrative Code (WAC) under WAC 392-400-025 Definitions

Did You Know?!

New Rule: Before administering a **short-term** or **in-school suspension**, a school district must first attempt one or more other forms of discipline to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations. Administering other forms of discipline may involve the use of best practices and strategies included in the state menu for behavior developed under RCW 28A.165.035.

Please see Washington Administrative Code (WAC) under WAC 392-400-435

Did You Know?!

A school district may not administer a short-term or in-school suspension for a student in kindergarten through fourth grade for more than ten (10) cumulative school days during any academic term.

Did You Know?!

A school district may not administer a short-term or in-school suspension for a student in grades five (5) through twelve (12) for more than fifteen (15) cumulative school days

during any single semester or for more than ten (10) cumulative school days during any single trimester.

Did You Know?!

During an in-school suspension, a school district must ensure school personnel:

- Are physically in the same location as the student to provide direct supervision during the duration of the in-school suspension.
- Are accessible to offer support to keep the student current with assignments and course work for all of the student's regular subjects or classes under Washington Administrative Code (WAC), WAC 392-400-610.

Please see Washington Administrative Code (WAC) under WAC 392-400-435

Did You Know?!

If a school district sends a student home early or asks the parent to pick the student up early or asks the parent to keep the student at home because of the student's behavior, it is a suspension.

Did You Know?!

New Rule: A school district may not suspend a student without first holding an initial hearing with the student for the purpose of hearing the student's perspective.

Did You Know?!

New Rule: At an initial hearing the school district must provide the student an opportunity to contact the student's parents.

Please see Washington Administrative Code (WAC) under WAC 392-400-450