

# SUGGESTED PROCESS FOR DETERMINING LENGTH OF SUSPENSION

The Sevier County School System requires school administrators to make a good faith effort to employ parental assistance or alternative consequences for misconduct prior to suspending a student, except in emergencies, disruptive conditions, or incidents involving a serious breach of misconduct. This document may be used as a guide to assist administrators in determining when to use suspension and for determining minimum and maximum suspension lengths.

## Suggested Continuum of Infractions and Consequences

### Minor Infractions

(no threat/potential for significant danger)

#### Infraction Examples

Cursing, skipping, smoking, Insubordination, minor disruptions, Gambling, horseplay

#### Consequence Examples

Warning, ISS, detention, Saturday School, ticket (smoking), restitution

#### If suspension, suggested lengths

1-5 days per occurrence

### Mid-range Infractions

(minor damage or potential for damage/harm/disruption)

#### Infraction Examples

Fighting, minor theft, unauthorized assembly, open defiance, threat, possession of knife (w/o threat)

#### Consequence Examples

Warning, ISS, suspension, Saturday school

#### If suspension, suggested lengths

5- 10 days per occurrence

### Serious Infractions

(serious harm or potential for harm to school/others)

#### Infraction Examples

Battery, Bona Fide Threat, aggravated assault, drug sale or distribution, any Zero Tolerance habitual disruptive behavior, explosives, possession of firearm

#### Consequence Examples

Suspension, possible expulsion recommendation (Zero Tolerance), refer to law enforcement

#### Suspension,

10 days per occurrence

always try to avoid out of school suspension for minor/mid-range infractions

**This document is to be used only as a guide. Individual circumstances will dictate consequences. However, suspension will adversely impact average daily attendance (ADA) and, therefore, the financial condition of the district and school.**