

SUSPENSION, DEMOTION AND TERMINATION OF SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS

The employment of support staff members may be terminated for violation of written policies and regulations as set forth by the Board or for incompetency, inefficiency, dishonesty, drunkenness, immoral conduct, insubordination, discourteous treatment of the public, neglect of duty, sexual battery, certain ethics violations, conflict of interest or any other acts of misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance.

The Board may also suspend an employee for a definite period of time or demote, with or without pay, an employee for these same reasons.

The action of the Board to terminate the contract of any employee or to suspend or demote him/her is done in compliance with all statutory and constitutionally mandated procedures, including the opportunity for a hearing prior to the termination and if a hearing is required, prior to the suspension or demotion.

When the behavior is sexual harassment, the Title IX sexual harassment grievance process will be followed, if applicable, prior to imposing any discipline that cannot be imposed without resolution of the Title IX process.

[Adoption date:]

LEGAL REFS.: **Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX; 20 USC 1681 et seq.**
ORC 124.32; 124.33; 124.34; 124.36
3319.04; 3319.081; 3319.083

CROSS REFS.: **ACAA, Sexual Harassment**
GBQ, Criminal Records Check

CONTRACT REF.: Support Staff Negotiated Agreement

NOTE: The grounds for suspension, demotion or termination for a city district differs from the information stated above; city districts should refer to and cite Ohio Revised Code Section 124.32. The collective bargaining agreement may be pertinent.

On May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education issued the long-awaited final Title IX regulations, which go into effect August 14, 2020. The Title IX regulations specifically define sexual harassment and establish detailed procedures for how school districts must respond to allegations of sexual harassment. Districts must follow the Title IX complaint process before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures when the behavior is sexual harassment. This requirement will likely impact a district's current procedures for handling employee discipline. Districts should ensure that all sexual harassment complaints are handled in accordance with the Title IX regulations that are outlined in ACAA, Sexual Harassment and ACAA-R, Sexual Harassment Grievance Process.