

Suspension of Students

**Members are advised
not to suspend students.**

The Suspension of a Pupil Regulation announced by the Ministry of Education in May 2001, flows from the Safe Schools Act 2000.

Intended to take effect on September 1, 2001 this Regulation gives teachers the authority to suspend students.

It is ETFO's position that decisions about suspensions are the responsibility of administration. Suspension of students by teachers may result in conflicts with students, families, or administrators which may have legal consequences.

Members are advised to report students who have committed serious infractions to the principal or vice-principal.

Members are further advised to request the establishment of a school-based procedure for those times when no administrator is present. The procedure should not require the teacher to determine whether to suspend a student.

In the event that members do not follow the ETFO advisory regarding suspensions, legal support from ETFO may not be available if legal difficulties ensue.