

## Patchogue Medford School District

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## **Guidelines for the Positive Alternative to Student Suspensions (P.A.S.S.) PROGRAM**

- The P.A.S.S. Program will take place Monday through Friday.
- Alternate instruction will be provided for the amount of days your child is suspended.
- Your child will be assigned **Session 1: 7:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.** for alternate instruction or **Session 2: 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** It will take place at Saxton Middle School in Room 120.
- Bus transportation will be provided (mini-buses) with specifically designated pick-up and drop-off points and times. See bus schedule on reverse side. Consult District Transportation at 631-687-6460 with any questions.
- Students may be dropped off by parents. All entry for P.A.S.S. will be at the PPS entrance at the rear of Saxton Middle School.
   Students are prohibited from driving their personal vehicles to and from school for P.A.S.S. even if they have approval to park during the day with a vehicle.
- Classroom teachers will provide work. Students are asked to bring their school issued laptops and any additional work with them.
- Students who fail to attend these alternate instruction sessions will still be responsible for missed class work and will be graded accordingly. No other instruction will be provided.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- VIII. DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES, PROCEDURES AND REFERRALS
- IX. PROCEDURES
- d. <u>SUSPENSIONS</u>

Parents will be notified of suspensions. The board recognizes the school must balance the need of students to attend school and the need for order in the classroom to establish an environment conducive to learning. As such, the board authorizes building principals and the superintendent to place students who would otherwise be suspended from school as the result of a code of conduct violation in "suspension". The suspension teacher will be a certified teacher.

A student subjected to a suspension is not entitled to a full hearing pursuant to Education Law 3214. However, the student and the student's parent will be provided with a reasonable opportunity for an informal conference with the district official imposing the suspension to discuss the conduct and the penalty involved.

\*\* If school, or <u>after school activities</u> are cancelled for any reason during the time your child is out of school and/or assigned to P.A.S.S. the suspension will continue as of the next school day until the full period of this suspension is served.