

Detention is one of the forms of discipline that may be used in the SAU #7 school districts. No elementary student shall be kept after school if there is no transportation for getting home. All pupils are to receive 24 hours' notice prior to detention being imposed.

Only the principal may assign a student to a central supervised detention. Any teacher wishing to keep a student after school for disciplinary purposes must supervise the detention personally.

As detention is a more serious form of discipline than consultation and reprimand, it should be imposed justly and fairly and serve the purpose for which it is intended; namely, a form of punishment to correct undesirable behavior.

The age and grade level of the student shall be considered in determining the length of time a student may be detained after school. Under no circumstances shall a student be detained for a time merely to cause the student to miss bus transportation and then dismissed.

The period of detention should be used to help correct the behavioral or academic situation causing detention. Constructive criticism and guidance should be offered by the teacher to assist the student in cultivating constructively good behavior and study habits.

When it becomes apparent that a student displays no improvement as a result of repeated detentions, the principal shall arrange for a parental conference with the teacher to discuss the situation.

This penalty is most frequently assigned for violations of school/classroom rules. **IT IS ASSIGNED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLASSROOM TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL.** Normally a written notice of the detention is sent home to the parent, to be signed and returned to school. If the detention notice is not returned with the parent's signature, the parent will be contacted by the teacher or the principal. A student will be expected to serve the detention the day after it is given, or whenever it is scheduled by the teacher. Parents should contact the teacher or the principal if extenuating circumstances prevent the student from serving the detention. Parents must make arrangements for their child's travel home at the end of a detention.

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