

## Interim Suspension Frequently Asked Questions

### Academic Concerns

**Q. Will professors be notified of a student's absence and the reason for it (the interim suspension action)?**

**A.** Judicial officers will notify the faculty of a student's interim suspension, following the 48 hour meeting that determines whether the interim has been removed or maintained.

**Q. Is a student permitted to keep up with class work while on interim suspension?**

**A.** Keeping in mind that the respondent cannot physically be present on campus, s/he should contact the instructor directly to discuss what arrangements can be made to obtain class notes, make up missed work, and otherwise keep current in their classes.

**Q. Should a student consider withdrawing from the University while the interim suspension is in progress?**

**A.** Respondents may wish to consider withdrawal, if they believe that the work missed while on interim suspension cannot be made up. A respondent's withdrawal will not terminate the university's judicial process.

**Q. If a student chooses to withdraw what will be the effective date? Will the student receive any tuition refund by withdrawing? Will the student receive grades?**

**A.** In general, the withdrawal date is the effective date of the interim suspension. The student's degree granting unit, however, may exercise discretion to backdate the effective date of withdrawal where it would be equitable to do so. Any decision to backdate withdrawals is discretionary and should be made after consultation with the registrar and Student Judicial Affairs. Grading will be contingent upon the point in the semester in which the interim suspension was implemented.

**Q. What is the process for readmission and when will the suspended student be able to register for classes again?**

**A.** Each degree granting unit has its own readmission procedure. Students should contact their Dean of Students' office for details.

## **Residence Life Concerns**

**Q. Depending upon the outcome of a hearing, will the student be able to return to the same residence/room?**

**A.** Students should contact the Housing Office on their campus for information on the room assignment process.

**Q. Depending upon the outcome of a hearing, if a student chooses to withdraw or is dismissed, will the student receive any refund of room and board?**

**A.** Room and board generally are prorated and refunds are contingent on the time of the withdrawal or dismissal. Contact the Housing Office for more information.

## **Other Concerns**

**Q. How will the interim suspension affect a student's on-campus employment?**

**A.** As a professional courtesy, the student should notify the employer that s/he will not be able to report to work as scheduled. The amount of information about the suspension that may be provided to the on-campus employer is discretionary. There may not be the same educational need to know with the employer as with the faculty.

**Q. How will the interim suspension affect a student's financial aid?**

**A.** The student should contact the Financial Aid Office as quickly as possible. The amount of money owed the University or to be refunded to the student is calculated by the day, so any delay may result in a financial loss for the student.

**Q. If the student is not a U.S. citizen, how will the interim suspension affect his/her immigration status?**

**A.** The student should contact the International Student Office as soon as possible to provide advance notice of a possible suspension. If a student provides advance notice and is suspended, s/he will receive a 15 day grace period before being considered "out of status" and subject to legal action. Students who provide no prior notice of a pending disciplinary action to the International Student Office receive no grace period and are subject to immediate legal action.

With advance notice, the student's international student advisor can assist the student in making plans for after their departure from Rutgers, such as a transfer to another school.

**Q. If a student is a varsity athlete, how will an interim suspension affect his/her NCAA status?**

There are NCAA regulations that can impact the student's date of withdrawal and financial status. The disciplinary action also can impact the student's athletic eligibility.

The student should discuss these matters with the team coach, athletic director or other appropriate personnel from the Athletic Department.

NCAA regulations inhibit the University's ability to backdate student withdrawals if the student respondent actively participated in his/her sport during the time affected by the backdating. Student Judicial Affairs will inform the registrar's office as soon as possible if the respondent participates in a varsity sport.