

**279.27 Discharge of teacher.**

1. A teacher may be discharged at any time during the contract year for just cause. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee, shall notify the teacher immediately that the superintendent will recommend in writing to the board at a regular or special meeting of the board held not more than fifteen days after notification has been given to the teacher that the teacher's continuing contract be terminated effective immediately following a decision of the board. The procedure for dismissal shall be as provided in [section 279.15, subsection 2](#), and [sections 279.16 through 279.19](#). The superintendent may suspend a teacher under [this section](#) pending hearing and determination by the board.

2. For purposes of [this section](#), "*just cause*" includes but is not limited to a violation of the code of professional conduct and ethics of the board of educational examiners if the board has taken disciplinary action against a teacher, during the six months following issuance by the board of a final written decision and finding of fact after a disciplinary proceeding.

[C73, §1734; C97, §2782; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**4237**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §279.24; C77, 79, 81, §279.27]

[2005 Acts, ch 3, §59](#); [2017 Acts, ch 2, §41, 48, 49](#)

Referred to in [§262.9, 279.13, 279.14, 279.19B, 284.8](#)

For provisions relating to applicability of 2017 amendment to employment contracts of school employees under this chapter and collective bargaining agreements and procedures under chapter 20 before, on, or after February 17, 2017, see [2017 Acts, ch 2, §48, 49](#)