

Administrative Procedure 357

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

Background

It is the responsibility of the Division to protect the educational environment of all our students, and to ensure that each student has the opportunity for educational success. This responsibility requires that the Division do whatever is necessary to ensure the safety of our schools; thus, the Division has developed the following procedures to be used in addition to the School Act.

Suspension and expulsion of students will only be used for serious disciplinary infractions as outlined in the following procedures.

Procedures

1. A sincere effort shall be made by teachers and administrators to attempt to control and eliminate student misbehavior. Consequences for repeated or flagrant misbehavior shall be appropriate for the grade level of the student and the nature of the incident.
2. Students may be suspended and/or expelled for the following reasons, applicable to student behavior on school buses, at school and at school-sponsored activities.
 - 2.1 Open opposition to authority.
 - 2.2 Willful disobedience.
 - 2.3 Habitual neglect of duty.
 - 2.4 Use of improper, profane or obscene language.
 - 2.5 Possession of, consumption of, and/or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, substances, or drugs for non-medical purposes.
 - 2.6 Other conduct injurious to the moral tone or well being of the school.
 - 2.7 Irregular attendance for which there is no valid excuse.
 - 2.8 Destruction, damage, loss or theft of school property.
 - 2.9 Assault or harassment of students or staff.
3. More detailed guidelines consistent with this procedure may be adopted by schools for use in each school.
4. Any teacher suspending a student from class shall report the suspension as soon as reasonably possible that same day to the principal, including a recommendation for action.



5. The principal, in consultation with the suspending teacher (if applicable), and with the student and/or his parent(s) or guardian(s) and subject to the appropriate section of the School Act, shall decide on a course of action and may include:
 - 5.1 Reinstatement of the student
 - 5.2 Conditional reinstatement of the student,
 - 5.3 Suspension from class for a specified period of time,
 - 5.4 Suspension from riding on the school bus for a specified period of time,
 - 5.5 Recommendation to the Board for expulsion from school,
 - 5.6 Suspension from any or all school-sponsored activities,
 - 5.7 Suitable compensation or restitution activities,
 - 5.8 Change in registration status,
 - 5.9 Other appropriate actions.

6. In the event of a recommendation for expulsion from school, the student and his/her parents or guardians shall be invited to make representation to the Board at a hearing scheduled specifically for the purpose of expulsion. The hearing shall follow the procedures set out in Board policy 13: Hearings and Appeals Regarding Student Matters.

Reference: Section 12, 14, 24, 25, 45, 60, 61, 113, 123, 124, 125 School Act
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Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

