

## STUDENT SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

Serious breaches of standards of behavior may result in suspension or expulsion from school. By law, the Board has the authority to suspend or expel students beyond ten days for violation of school rules or policies or for insubordination or misconduct. The principals are authorized to suspend students for not more than ten school days and by the superintendent of schools for not more than 90 days. The period of expulsion may extend beyond the semester in which the violation, subordination, or misconduct occurred. Any expulsion for consumption or possession of beer or alcoholic beverages may not extend beyond ninety days.

Any student bringing firearms to school may be expelled for twelve months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities. The superintendent will have the authority to recommend to the school board that this expulsion requirement be modified on a case-by-case basis. For this purpose of this portion of this policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for a weapon, or any explosive, including any poison gas.

Generally, a suspension may be imposed when a student's behavior creates a threat to his own or other's safety or imposes a threat to property or premises. Behavior such as fighting or committing an assault on another; stealing; vandalism; possessing weapons, explosives or other prohibited materials; making false alarms or bomb threats; lewd or threatening behavior or language; or possession of beer or alcoholic beverages on the school premises or at school activities may result in suspensions.

Students who are guilty of continued serious misconduct which results in repeated suspension and who therefore interfere with the opportunity of other students to carry on their learning activities may be recommended to the Board for expulsion from school.

This policy will be implemented in a manner consistent with IDEA and Section 504.

Hearing procedures as established by state regulations will be followed for all students who receive long-term suspensions or expulsion.

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