

EXPULSION

The Board shall authorize the Superintendent to expel a student from school if an offense committed by the student is serious enough to warrant such action and is in violation of state law. Upon the recommendation for expulsion of a student by the principal, the Superintendent or his designee shall conduct a hearing, at the conclusion of which the superintendent or designee shall determine whether expulsion or other corrective action is necessary. Once expelled, no student may be readmitted to a school without the review and approval of the School Board.

The parent or tutor of the pupil, may, within five (5) days after the decision to expel has been rendered, request the Board to review the findings of the superintendent at a time set by the Board. After reviewing the findings of the Superintendent, the Board may affirm, modify, or reverse the action of the Superintendent or designee.

Any student after being suspended on three (3) occasions for committing statutorily prohibited offenses during the same school session, shall on committing the fourth offense be expelled from the schools of the school district until the beginning of the next regular school session, subject to the review of the Board.

State law requires the Superintendent to expel a student for minimum periods of time if found guilty of certain offenses, as follows:

A. 16 years or older

If a student is found guilty of intentional distribution or possession with intent to distribute any illegal drug or substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored event, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of twenty-four (24) calendar months.

If found guilty of possession of a firearm on school property, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of twelve (12) calendar months.

B. Under 16 years, but in grades 6-12

If a student is found guilty of intentional distribution or possession with intent to distribute any illegal drug or substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored event, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of twelve (12) calendar months.

If found guilty of possession of a firearm on school property, the student shall be expelled for a minimum of six (6) calendar months.

C. Grades K-5

If a student is found guilty of intentional distribution or possession with intent to distribute any illegal drug or substance on school property, on a school bus or at a school sponsored event, or if found guilty of possession of a firearm on school property, then the student shall be referred to the School Board with a recommendation of appropriate action by the Superintendent.

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