



SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Background

The Division recognizes that on occasion a student's behaviour may be such that the student needs to be removed from the classroom, school or bus for a predetermined time span.

Procedures

1. Suspensions

- 1.1 Suspension of a student shall mean the removal of the student from one or more class periods, one or more courses, school, or riding in a school bus.
- 1.2 Students may be suspended for any conduct which, in the opinion of the Principal, is harmful to the culture of the school, detrimental to the well-being of other students and/or general well-being of the school community.
- 1.3 When a student is suspended from school for a half-day or more, the Principal shall notify the parents or for students who are independent or over the age of 18, the student regarding the suspension and confirm it by letter outlining the circumstances concerning the suspension. A copy of this letter shall be sent to the Associate Superintendent and retained in the cumulative file for 1 to 3 years at the discretion of the Principal.

2. Expulsion

- 2.1 All expulsions from schools shall be time definite and require approval from the Board.
- 2.2 When a student's behavior is such that expulsion is to be recommended to the Board, the Principal shall inform the parents or for students who are independent or over the age of 18, the student by registered letter outlining the circumstances. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the Superintendent for consideration by the Board. The parent(s) and the student shall be given the opportunity to discuss the pending expulsion with the Board. A copy of this letter shall be retained in the cumulative file for 1 to 3 years at the discretion of the Principal.
- 2.3 The Superintendent shall advise, in writing, the parents or for students who are independent or over the age of 18, the student of the decision of the Board and also inform the parents or the student as the case may be of their right to appeal the decision to the Minister of Education.
- 2.4 An expulsion or any rule or condition of return may apply to a student beyond the school year in which the student was expelled.
- 2.5 In the case of a disciplinary matter where a student has withdrawn from school in anticipation of expulsion based on a Principal's recommendation to the Board that the student be expelled, and a letter is on file in Division Office in this regard, the student shall not be re-admitted to school without Superintendent approval.

Reference: Section 31, 33, 36, 37, Education Act