

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 moral tone 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 and, in the case of a student who is 16 years of age or older, 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.

2. Expulsion

- 2.1 An expulsion must be for a period of more than 10 school days.
- 2.2 All expulsions from one or all schools shall be time definite and require the approval of the Board.
- 2.3 When a student's behavior is such that expulsion is to be recommended to the Board, the Principal shall inform the parents and, in the case of a student who is 16 years of age or older, the student by registered letter outlining the circumstances. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the Superintendent for consideration by the Board. Parents or, in the case of a student who is 16 years of age or older, the student shall be given the opportunity to discuss the pending expulsion with the Board.
- 2.4 The Superintendent shall advise, in writing, the parent and, in the case of a student over the age of 16 years, 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.
- 2.5 In the case of a disciplinary matter where a student has withdrawn from school in anticipation of a Principal's recommendation to the Board that s/he be expelled, and a letter is on file in Division Office in this regard, the student shall not be re-admitted to school without Board approval.

Reference: Section 12, 24, 25, 45, 60, 61, 123, 124, 125, School Act
Review of the Minister Information Bulletin 3.5.1