

STUDENT EXPULSION

At times the behavior of a student can be considered so serious as to justify total removal from the educational program for a prolonged period of time. Actions meriting expulsion are outlined in the student code of conduct. A student cannot be expelled from school solely because of unexcused absences. Only the Superintendent may expel a student. Expulsion is the removal of a student for more than 10 days, but not more than 80 days duration. An expulsion can extend beyond the end of the school year, if there are fewer school days than expulsion days remaining in the school year, then the Superintendent/designee may apply any remaining part of all the period of the expulsion to the following school year.

The Superintendent/designee may require a student to perform community service in conjunction with or in place of an expulsion. The Board may adopt guidelines to permit the Superintendent/designee to impose a community service requirement beyond the end of the school year in lieu of applying the expulsion in to the following school year.

Whenever possible, principals will consult with a mental health professional under contract with the District or school prior to expelling a student in grades pre-K through three. If needed, the principal or mental health professional will assist the student's parent in locating additional mental health services.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, the District will reduce the number of expulsions for non-serious offenses, as defined by State law, for students in grades pre-K through three in accordance with State law. Such expulsions will be eliminated by the 2021-2022 school year.

The Superintendent/designee will give the student and parent, guardian or custodian written notice of the intended expulsion, including reasons for the intended expulsion. The student and parent or representative have the opportunity to appear on request before the Superintendent/designee to challenge the action or to otherwise explain the student's actions. This notice will state the time and place to appear, which must not be less than three days nor later than five days after the notice is given.

Within one school day of the expulsion, the Superintendent will notify the parents, guardians or custodians of the student and the Treasurer of the Board.

The notice will include the reasons for the expulsion and the right of the student, parent, guardian or custodian to appeal to the Board or its designee; the right to be represented at the appeal and the right to request the hearing be held in executive session.

The Superintendent will initiate expulsion proceedings against a student who has committed an act that warrants expulsion even if the student withdraws from school before the Superintendent has held the hearings or made the decision to expel the student.

Permanent Exclusion

If the offense is one for which a school district may seek permanent expulsion, then the notice will contain that information.

Appeal to the Board

A student remains expelled for the duration of the expulsion or until action is taken on any appeal. A student who is 18 or older or a student's parent(s) or guardian(s) may appeal the expulsion by the Superintendent to the Board or its designee. They may be represented in all such appeal proceedings and will be granted a hearing before the Board or its designee.

A verbatim record will be kept of the hearing which may be held in executive session at the request of the student, parent or guardian.

Appeal to the Court

Under State law, the decision of the Board may be further appealed to the court of common pleas.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.662; 3313.668

CROSS REFS.: ECAB, Vandalism
IGCI, Community Service
JEGA, Permanent Exclusion
JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)

JFCF, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating
Violence)

JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools

JG, Student Discipline

JGD, Student Suspension

JGDA, Emergency Removal of Student