

## STUDENT SUSPENSION / EXPULSION

### Grounds for Suspension

The following violations of the Code of Student Conduct and School Board policy are grounds for suspension:

- smoking or otherwise using tobacco or tobacco products
- fighting
- threatening (intentionally and knowingly) another student or school staff member with imminent bodily injury or verbal abuse
- profanity or obscene language
- disobedience or defiance
- refusal to identify self to school personnel
- defacing or destroying property (vandalism)
- inappropriate dress or appearance. Dress or appearance must not present health or safety problems or cause disruption
- trespass on school property or use of school facilities without proper authority or permission or during a period of suspension or expulsion
- failure to permit search of student's person, locker or automobile
- including, but not limited to any conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the ongoing educational process or which is otherwise a violation of federal, state or local law

The decision of the superintendent or his/her designee regarding a suspension for 10 days or less may not be appealed to the School Board. The decision of the superintendent or designee is final.

In the case of a suspension for more than ten days if the School Board's regulations provide for a hearing by the superintendent or his designee, the regulations shall also provide for an appeal of the decision to the full School Board. Such appeal shall be decided by the School Board within 30 days.

### Grounds for Expulsion

The following violations of the Code of Student Conduct and School Board policy are grounds for expulsion:

- possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia
- selling drugs
- assault/battery
- sexual assault
- arson
- intentional injury (bullying, fighting)
- bomb threats,( including false threats, against school personnel or property)
- use of possession of explosives
- possession of weapons or firearms
- extortion, blackmail, or coercion
- homicide

- burglary
- sex offenses (indecent exposure, obscene phone calls, sodomy and child molestation)
- malicious mischief
- shooting
- any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive or incendiary devices or materials, hoax explosive devices or chemical bombs
- stabbing, cutting or wounding
- unlawful interference with school authorities
- unlawful intimidation of school authorities
- other unlawful acts including being an accessory to any of these or other unlawful acts
- including, but not limited to any conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the ongoing educational process

The Director of Human Resources and Pupil Personnel shall act as the Superintendent's designee to consider any matter in which the principal or designee recommends a long-term suspension of a student as defined by Policy JGD, or an exclusion of a student as defined by Policy JEC. He/she also will act as the Superintendent's designee for appeals of short-term suspensions enacted by the principal or designee. The Director of Instruction will act as the Superintendent's designee for all such matters in the absence of the Director of Human Resources and Pupil Personnel and/or as deemed otherwise appropriate by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent's designee will conduct a review of each incident and/or appeal in accordance with school board policy and will notify the Superintendent of his/her actions. The right of appeal by the parent or student (if 18 years of age or older) will be in accordance with the provisions in the policy. Any action taken by the Superintendent's designee that results in a student suspension in excess of ten days shall be subject to appeal to the Alleghany County School Board.

In all instances in which action is recommended regarding a student with disabilities receiving special education services, the Director for Special Education will serve as an advisor to the Superintendent's designee.

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