

STUDENT EXPULSION

The administration will provide a student faced with expulsion the following:

1. Clear notice of the reasons for the proposed expulsion to include details of the incident(s) and the policy(ies) violated;
2. The names of the witnesses and an oral or written report on the facts to which each witness testifies;
3. An opportunity to present a defense against the charges and provide either oral testimony or written affidavits of witnesses on the student's behalf;
4. The right to be represented by counsel; and
5. The results and findings of the board in writing open to the student's inspection.

A special education student must be provided with the following procedures:

1. Prior to the board's determination on the matter, a reevaluation of the special education student must be made by a multi-disciplinary staffing team. The reevaluation should include:
 - a. Evaluation by an AEA psychologist;
 - b. Diagnostic education testing (reading, math, standardized achievement);
 - c. Social functioning;
 - d. Other evaluations when appropriate (i.e., hearing, vision, speech, and language); and
 - e. A review of the incident to determine whether the infraction was directly related to the student's disability.
2. A report and recommendation by this team must be made to the board. The report must include the findings of the evaluation team as well as the group's recommendation as to the most appropriate educational program for the student in question. The report should clearly cite the criteria on which this recommendation was made. Special note should also be made as to whether the district is able to provide the recommended program.
3. Upon receipt and recommendation by the staffing team, the board will decide whether to proceed with the recommendation to expel or whether a less restrictive alternative placement will meet the needs of the student in the district.
4. A recommendation by the board to expel will be made only when no reasonable alternative is available. Programs outside the district may be considered when necessary.

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