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Expulsion

The School Board is authorized to expel students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct for the remainder of the school term for a shorter period as determined by the School Board. The student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be due the following procedural protections:

1. Prior to expulsion, the student shall be provided written notice of the charges and the time and place of the hearing. If the charges are denied, the student shall have an opportunity for a hearing, at the time and place designated in the notice, conducted by the Board or a hearing officer appointed by it. If a hearing officer is appointed by the Board, he shall report to the Board the evidence presented at the hearing and the Board shall take such final action as it finds appropriate;
2. The Board shall provide written notice to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing by registered or certified mail and request the appearance of the parent(s)/guardian(s) at the expulsion hearing; and
3. During the expulsion hearing, the student and his parent(s) or guardian(s) may be represented by counsel, present witnesses and other evidence on his behalf and cross-examine adverse witnesses. The expulsion hearing shall be a bifurcated proceeding. First, the Board or hearing officer shall hear evidence on the issue of whether the student is guilty of the gross disobedience or misconduct as charged. After presentation of the evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board shall decide the issue of guilt. If the Board finds the student guilty of the gross disobedience or misconduct as charged, it shall then hear evidence on the appropriate level of discipline to be meted out. After presentation of the evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board shall decide whether expulsion or some lesser form of discipline shall be imposed upon the student.

Gross disobedience or misconduct of students shall include, but not be limited to, extreme or repeated instances of the following:

1. Disobedience of directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations governing student conduct;
2. Possession, use, distribution, purchase, sale, or found to be under the influence of illicit drugs and/or alcoholic beverages;
3. Injury or threat of injury to any school district employee, official, or student;

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4. Destruction and/or defacement of any school property;
5. Possession, use, or distribution of a dangerous weapon; and
6. Other such conduct that poses a danger to persons or property or disrupts the educational process.

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