

356 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Background

Any student(s) who is excessively violating the responsibilities of a student as outlined in Sections 31 of the Education Act or for any other reason deemed appropriate by a teacher, Principal or Superintendent may be suspended from classes, courses, programs and buses and suspended or expelled from school, subject to the following procedures.

Definitions

Expulsion

Implies an extended or permanent withdrawal of privileges, generally geared toward the end of a semester, the end of the school year or even longer if reviewed annually by the Board, but always includes the loss of school credit or recognition of achievement for that extended time period.

Suspension

Implies a withdrawal of privileges for a specific number of days to a maximum of four (4) school days with privileges restored at a certain time or upon completion of certain requirements.

Procedures

1. A teacher may suspend a student for one (1) class period.
2. A teacher who removes a student from a class period shall within one (1) day either:
 - a. Reinstatement the student prior to the next class period, or
 - b. Refer the student to the Principal for further action.
3. A Principal may suspend a student for:
 - a. One (1) or more class periods for up to 4 days
 - b. One (1) or more courses or programs for up to 4 days,
 - c. School, for up to 4 days, or

- d. Riding on a school bus for up to four days. The suspension can be indefinite in cases where the bus is not the student's only means of transportation to and from school.
4. A Principal who suspends a student or has a suspended student referred to them may:
- a. Reinstatement the student within five (5) days;
 - b. Suspend the student for no more than four (4) days;
 - c. Refer the student to the Superintendent with a recommendation for reinstatement or expulsion.
5. A student may be considered for suspension or expulsion for:
- a. Failure to comply with section 31 of the Education Act, specifically, failure to:
 - i. Be diligent in pursuing his/her studies.
 - ii. Attend school regularly and punctually.
 - iii. Cooperate fully with everyone authorized by the Division to provide education programs and other services.
 - iv. Comply with the rules of the school.
 - v. Account to his/her teacher(s) for his/her conduct.
 - vi. Respect the rights of others.
 - b. Any other reason the teacher(s), the Principal or the Board considers appropriate.
6. The Principal is responsible to:
- a. Notify the parent(s) and, in the case of a student sixteen (16) years or older, the student, in writing of all circumstances of a school suspension; and
 - b. If the suspension is to be referred to the Board, include a recommendation.

7. The Superintendent shall be authorized to deal with all referrals from principals and may:
 - a. Reinstate the student within ten (10) days of the first day of the suspension, or
 - b. Refer the student to the Board early enough that the Board may deal with the matter within ten (10) days of the first day of the suspension.

8. The Board shall, upon a referral from the Superintendent, within ten (10) days of the first day of the original suspension:
 - a. Reinstate the student, or
 - b. Expel the student from a school or all Division schools and notify the parent and in the case of a student sixteen (16) years of age or older, the student, in writing of the decision and the right of appeal to the Minister of Education.

9. If the student is to be expelled, the Board shall provide to the student and/or parent(s) a list of referral agencies and a recommendation regarding possible alternative programs.

References

Section 8,11,31,32,33,36,37,41,42,43,44,52,53,196,197,222 Education Act
Criminal Code (Canada)
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Replacing

AP 350 Student Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion

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