



SECTION: STUDENTS

POLICY: 218.2

**TITLE: SUSPENSION AND
EXPLUSION**

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I. PURPOSE

The Board recognizes that exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student and one that cannot be imposed without due process. The Board shall define and publish the types of offenses that would lead to exclusion from school. Exclusions affecting students with disabilities shall also be governed by applicable state and federal law and regulations.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Suspension** is exclusion from school for disobedience or misconduct for a period of one (1) to ten (10) consecutive school days
- B. **Expulsion** is exclusion from school for a period exceeding ten (10) consecutive school days, including permanent exclusion.

III. POLICY

Every principal in charge of a public school may temporarily suspend any student for disobedience or misconduct in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. The Board may, after a proper hearing, suspend or expel a student for such time as it deems necessary, or may permanently expel a student.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop guidelines to implement this policy and ensure the District's compliance with applicable law, which shall include:

- a. Publication of a Code of Student Conduct, in accordance with Board policy on student discipline.
- b. Procedures that ensure due process when a student is being deprived of the right to attend school.
- c. Regulations requiring that student disciplinary records be maintained in accordance with Board policy and state and federal law and regulations related to student records.
- d. The process that a student who has been expelled must follow to apply for readmission to school.

V. REFERENCES

22 PA Code 12.6

22 PA Code 12.7
22 PA Code 14.143
20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq
22 PA Code 12.8
24 P.S. 1318
34 CFR Part 300
Pol. 204
24 P.S. 1326
2 Pa. C.S.A. 101 et seq
2 Pa. C.S.A. 101
Pol. 113
Pol. 113.1
Pol. 218
Pol. 216
22 PA Code 12.3