
APPENDIX C - EXPULSION HEARING AND EMERGENCY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Hearing Procedures

- If a student engages in inappropriate behavior, a Misconduct Report is prepared and the parent or guardian and student are contacted, notifying them of the misconduct.
- When a student engages in an Inappropriate Behavior that results in a referral for a disciplinary hearing, the parent/guardian of the student will be sent a Notice of Request for Disciplinary Hearing letter and a Notice of Disciplinary Hearing letter. These notices will provide a description of the incident, the date of the incident, the SCC misconduct number, and the time and date for the disciplinary hearing.
- At the hearing, testimony from all witnesses for the Chief Executive Officer, as well as for the student, will be heard and documentary evidence may be introduced.
- After the hearing, the hearing officer provides an opinion to the Chief Executive Officer for final approval. The hearing officer's opinion shall set forth his or her recommended consequence or intervention for the student's misconduct.
- If a student in Grades 6-12 has not incurred any Group 5 or 6 violations during the previous nine months and the behavior for which the student was referred for expulsion does not involve violence or the threat of violence, the hearing officer may recommend that the student attend the Board-sponsored SMART program in lieu of expulsion. Such recommendations are subject to approval of the Chief Executive Officer. A student who is recommended to attend the SMART program in lieu of expulsion but who fails to successfully complete the program shall be expelled.
- The hearing officer may also issue a recommendation that a student be expelled for up to two calendar years or as modified on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Executive Officer or designee. If a student is expelled, Alternative Safe School Placement may be recommended for the period of the expulsion.

Emergency Referral to Alternative Placement

- Students who commit extremely serious infractions of Groups 5 and 6 of the Student Code of Conduct may be referred for placement in an interim alternative setting in addition to being referred for expulsion. This placement would be effective following a student's designated term of suspension and would not be considered permanent; therefore, no hearing is required prior to referring a student for emergency alternative placement.
- A general education student may be referred for emergency placement in an alternative school if the student commits a serious act of misconduct that presents a serious and credible threat of harm to themselves or others.
- Students with disabilities may also be referred for emergency alternative placement when in possession of weapons or large amounts of drugs or for causing serious bodily injury to another person when the misconduct occurred on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event. For students with disabilities whose misconduct presents a danger to themselves or others in a manner other than those specified above, please consult with Dispute Resolution. Students with disabilities may be placed in an interim alternative educational setting for a maximum period of 45 school days even in instances where the student's misconduct is ultimately determined to be a manifestation of his or her disability.