

STUDENT SUSPENSION
(Special Education Students)

The Board recognizes that removal from a special education program, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a student and one that cannot be imposed without due process since removal deprives a child of the right to an education.

For purposes of this policy, suspension shall be the temporary removal of a student from a special education program and/or special education transportation.

A student may be suspended by the building principal, the Superintendent, an assistant principal or other administrator. Such action shall be reported to the Superintendent of the District of residence as soon as possible. Removal of more than 10 days cumulative in one school year can only be authorized with the concurrence of the Placement Team. An appropriate educational program must be provided as prescribed by the Placement Team for exclusion of more than 10 days.

Each suspended student who has requested a formal hearing shall be restored to the educational program pending the outcome of the hearing, except when in the opinion of the building principal, the presence of the student in school poses such a danger to himself/herself or others as to warrant continued absence.

Students suspended from transportation only may attend school if the parent(s) provide transportation.

Expulsion is a change in placement and requires formal hearings for such action. There must be evidence that the disruptive behavior was not a manifestation of the student's handicap and that the student was appropriately placed at the time of the disruption. Such determination must be made by placement services; however, the student may not totally be withdrawn during a legitimate expulsion.

The entry and exit of students from the Fairfield City Schools necessitates a system for the gathering and disclosure of extensive and sometimes personal information about them. It is essential that pertinent information in these records be readily available to appropriate school personnel, be accessible to the student's parents or legal guardian or to the student, yet be guarded when necessary as confidential information.

Both federal and state laws have established detailed requirements on the maintenance and disclosure of student records. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to provide for the proper administration of the student records in keeping with federal and state laws and to standardize procedures for the collection and disclosure of information about students.

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