

## STUDENT EXPULSION

At times the behavior of a student can be considered so serious as to justify total removal from the educational program for a prolonged period of time. Actions meriting expulsion are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. A student cannot be expelled from school solely because of unexcused absences. Only the Superintendent may expel a student. Expulsion is the removal of a student for more than ten (10) school days, but not more than one school year. An expulsion can extend beyond the end of the school year if there are fewer school days than expulsion days remaining. The Superintendent may apply any remaining part or all of the period of the expulsion to the following school year.

The Superintendent may require a student to perform community service in conjunction with or in place of an expulsion. The Board may adopt guidelines to permit the Superintendent to impose a community service requirement beyond the end of the school year in lieu of applying the expulsion into the following school year.

The Superintendent shall give the student and parent(s), written notice of the intended expulsion, including reasons for the intended expulsion. The student and parent or representative have the opportunity to appear on request before the Superintendent or his/her designee to challenge the action or to otherwise explain the student's actions. This notice will state the time and place to appear which must not be less than three (3) school days nor later than five (5) school days after the notice is given.

Within twenty-four (24) hours of the expulsion the Superintendent will notify the parents, guardians or custodians of the student and Treasurer of the Board.

The notice will include the reasons for the expulsion and the right of the student or parent(s) to appeal to the Board of Education or its designee, the right to be represented at the appeal and the right to request the hearing be held in executive session.

The Superintendent will initiate expulsion proceedings against a student who has committed an act that warrants expulsion even if the student withdraws from school before the Superintendent has held the hearings or made the decision to expel the student.

### Permanent Exclusion

If the offense is one for which a District may seek permanent exclusion, then the notice will contain that information.

### Appeal to the Board

A student or a student's parent(s) may appeal the expulsion by the Superintendent to the Board or its designee. The expulsion appeal must be within fourteen (14) calendar days after the notice of intent to expel was provided to the student, parent, guardian or custodian. The appeal request shall be in writing to the Treasurer and at the request of the student or of the student's parent(s) or attorney, the meeting may be held in executive session. The student may be represented in all

such appeal proceedings and is granted a hearing before the Board or its designee. All witnesses are sworn and a verbatim record is kept of the hearing. The decision of the Board shall be acted upon at a public meeting. The student may be excluded from school during the appeal process.

Appeal to Court

Under state law, the decision of the Board may be further appealed to the Court of Common Pleas.

Any student who is expelled from school for more than twenty (20) school days or into the following semester or school year will be referred to an agency which will work towards improving the student's attitudes and behavior. The Superintendent will provide the student and his/her parent, guardian, or custodian with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the public and private agencies.

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LEGAL REFS: ORC 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.662; 3313.668

CROSS REF: JEGA, Permanent Exclusion  
JGD, Student Suspension  
JGDA, Emergency Removal of Student from Curricular Activities  
JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)  
JFCF, Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)  
JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools  
ECAB, Vandalism  
IGCI, Community Service  
JG, Student Discipline