

## EXPULSION

Only the board may remove a student from the school environment.. The removal of a student from the school environment, which includes, but is not limited to, classes and activities, is an expulsion from school.

It shall be within the discretion of the board to discipline a student by using an expulsion for a single offense or for a series of offenses depending on the nature of the offense and the circumstances surrounding the offense.

It shall be within the discretion of the superintendent to recommend to the board the expulsion of a student for disciplinary purposes. Only the board may take action to expel a student and to readmit the student. The principal shall keep records of expulsions in addition to the board's records.

When a student is recommended for expulsion by the board, the student shall be provided with:

1. Clear notice of the reasons for the proposed expulsion;
2. The names of the witnesses and an oral or written report on the fact to which each witness testifies;
3. An opportunity to present a defense against the charges and provide either oral testimony or written affidavits of witnesses on the student's behalf;
4. The right to be represented by counsel; and,
5. The results and finding of the board in writing open to the student's inspection.

In addition to these procedures, a special education student must be provided with the following procedures:

1. Determine whether the student is actually guilty of the misconduct;
2. A staffing team should determine whether the student's behavior is caused by the student's disability and whether the conduct is the result of inappropriate placement. Discussions and conclusions of this meeting should be recorded;
3. If the handicapped student's conduct is not caused by the disability, the student may be expelled or suspended for a long-term period following written notice to the parent and pursuant to the school district's expulsion hearing procedures;
4. If the misconduct is caused by the disability and a change in placement is recommended, the change must be made pursuant to the placement procedures used by the school district;
5. If a change in placement is not recommended, a determination must be made as to how to cope with the student in the future.

Legal Reference: Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975).  
Wood v. Strickland, 420 U.S. 308 (1975).  
Southeast Warren Comm. School District v. Dept. of Public  
Instruction, 285 N.W.2d 173 (Iowa 1979). Iowa Code §§ 21.5; 282.3,.4,.5  
(1991).  
281 I.A.C. 12.3(8).

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities  
503 Student Discipline

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