



Student Suspensions and Expulsion Procedures

If a student is to be suspended from school for less than 10 days, the following procedures will be implemented by the School Administrator or designee:

- A written or verbal notice of the intent to suspend shall be given to the parent/guardian and student
- An informal hearing prior to the suspension shall be held with the School Administrator, parents/guardian, and student at which time the student has the right to hear the behavior rule the student allegedly violated that is resulting in the short term suspension, the evidence brought against him or her regarding the infraction, and a chance to refute the evidence/allegations

If a student is to be suspended from school for more than 10 days or is to be expelled from school, the following procedures will be implemented:

- Students and parents/guardians will be provided with a written notice of a formal hearing to review the alleged rule violation and disciplinary action. Parents or guardians may waive the right to a hearing. Failure to appear at the hearing will result in the proposed disciplinary action being taken against the student by default.
- The hearing shall take place between 5 and 10 days following the written notice of the formal hearing.
- Students have the right to appear before an unbiased hearing authority. The School Administrator shall serve as the hearing authority unless (s)he was directly involved in or witnessed the incidents(s) in question. In such a case, the Governance Council shall serve as the hearing authority.
- Students have the right to secure counsel or other representative.
- Students have the right to have a decision based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing.
- Students have the right to a review or appeal of the disciplinary action to the Governance Council, if the hearing results were determined by the School Administrator. The decision of the Governance Council is the final action to which the aggrieved student is entitled.