

STUDENT SUSPENSION / EXPULSION

I. Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion

The following violations of the Standards of Student Conduct and School Board policy shall be grounds for suspension:

- Threats or Intimidation Assault
and Battery/Fighting
- Persistently Disruptive
Conduct Profane or Abusive
- Language Gambling
- Use, possession, or Distribution of Alcohol or Other Drugs, or Restricted
Substances Vandalism
- Defiance of the Authority of School
- Personnel Weapon Possession
- Theft
- Violation of Bus
Regulations Trespass
- Gang Activity
- Use or Possession of Tobacco
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Regulations Gang Activity
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In the case of expulsion, the Disciplinary Committee shall confirm or disapprove the proposed expulsion regardless of whether the pupil has exercised the right to a hearing.

II. Appeal of Suspension and Expulsions

The decision of the Superintendent or his/her designee for a suspension for 10 days or less may not be appealed to the School Board pursuant to policy JGD/JGE.

In the case of a suspension for more than ten days, the student and his/her parent(s), guardian(s), or person having control or charge of the student may appeal the decision to the School Board Disciplinary committee pursuant to Policy JGD/JEG. The School Board Disciplinary Committee decision shall be final and may not be appealed to the full School Board if it is unanimous. If the School Board Disciplinary Committee decision is not unanimous, it may be appealed to the full School Board pursuant to Policy JGD/JGE. If appealed, to the full School Board, the appeal shall be decided by the School Board within thirty days.

In the case of expulsion, the decision may be appealed to the School Board Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee's decision may not be appealed to the full School Board if it is unanimous. The School Board shall decide the matter within thirty days, if an appeal is proper.

III. Readmission of Expelled Students

Students who are expelled from the Alexandria City Public Schools and who are not permitted during the expulsion to return to regular school attendance or to attend an alternative education program, may petition for readmission to be effective one year after the date of the expulsion. The process for the readmission of any expelled student is as follows:

A. In order to ensure that a student has an opportunity for timely readmission to school, a petition for readmission must be filed not earlier than nine months, and not later than ten months from the date of the School Board's decision letter expelling the student. Failure to file a petition for readmission in a timely manner may result in a delayed decision on the petition. Petitions must be in writing and must be filed with the ACPS Office of Equity. Any student age eighteen (18) or older must file a petition on his or her own behalf. If the student is under the age of eighteen (18), the parent(s)/guardian(s) may act on the student's behalf;

B. Within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of a written petition for readmission, the Office of Equity will schedule a hearing before the Director of Equity. At the time of the hearing, the student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) must come prepared to explain why the student should be readmitted to school, and how the school can be assured that the student's behavior has improved and that there will be no recurrences of inappropriate behavior. If any conditions for readmission had been imposed by the School Board at the time of the student's expulsion, the hearing will review whether all of those conditions have been achieved. The Director of Equity will issue a written decision within seven days of the hearing. The parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or student will receive a copy of the decision.

C. Parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or the student may appeal the decision of the Director of Equity to a disciplinary committee of the School Board within five days of receiving that

decision. A copy of the Director of Equity’s decision, a copy of the expulsion decision, and any other materials which have been submitted concerning the expulsion and petition for readmission; will be provided to the Disciplinary Committee. The committee may, but need not, hold a further hearing. The committee shall issue its decision within 21 days of convening to consider the appeal.

D. Parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or the student may appeal the decision of the disciplinary committee to the School Board within five days of receiving that decision. Copies of the Director of Equity’s decision, the committee’s decision, the expulsion decision, and any other materials which have been submitted concerning the expulsion and petition for readmission, will be provided to the Board. The Board may, but need not, hold a further hearing. The Board shall issue its decision on readmission prior to one year from the date of the School Board’s original expulsion decision.

E. Where a petition for readmission is denied, a student (or if applicable, his/her parent (s)/guardian(s)), may reapply on an annual basis in accordance with the above schedule.

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