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## **EXPULSION**

Pupils whose presence in school disrupts the school over a period of time, or who constitute a threat to the safety of themselves or others, if it is found necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school, may be expelled by the Board of Directors until such time as they may show themselves willing and able to return to school on satisfaction evidence that the behavior will not likely to reoccur.

The principal of the school involved shall notify the Superintendent the need to consider expulsion of a student and, after proper investigation, a hearing before the Board shall be scheduled.

A student must be informed of the type of conduct which will result in expulsion. A student being considered for expulsion must be notified of his/her right to a hearing.

## **RE-ENTRY**

A student who has been expelled may petition to the Board for re-entry upon providing reasonable assurance that his/her conduct and attendance will change.

## **HEARING**

- A. All expulsion hearings will be held before the Board of Directors after the principal of the school involved has made written recommendation to the Superintendent that such a hearing be held.
- B. Written notice of the time and place of the hearing and the reasons for the hearing shall be given to the parent and student at least five days prior to the hearing.

- C. The parent/student shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to examine any evidence submitted, to question witnesses and to present evidence.
- D. The Board will make a decision on the evidence presented, render a written decision and maintain a record of the hearing, including the evidence presented and the decision.
- E. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to mean that the Board must either expel or not expel.
- F. Nothing in this policy shall prevent the Board from providing educational services in an alternative situation to a student who has been expelled.
- G. The Board will conduct any expulsion hearing in accordance with the Maine Law and Regulations.