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STUDENT SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

Suspension

1. Student actions and possible consequences for student behavior which include suspensions up to 10 days will be included in the Code of Student Conduct and Policy JGD/JGE.
2. The principal or designee shall have the authority to suspend a student for up to 10 days for any act by a student. Except as provided in subsection C of Va. Code § 277 or Va. Code §§ 22.1-277.07 or 22.1-277.08, no student in preschool through grade three is suspended for more than three school days or expelled from attendance at school, unless (i) the offense involves physical harm or credible threat of physical harm to others or (ii) the School Board or the superintendent or superintendent's designee finds that aggravating circumstances exist, as defined by the Virginia Department of Education.
3. The principal or designee shall notify the parent in writing of the offense and the disciplinary action within 24 hours of the disciplinary conference. The notice must include any conditions for return.
4. The Superintendent or designee may review the action and consequence upon request and confirm or reverse the decision. The decision of the Superintendent or designee regarding a suspension for 10 days or less shall be final.
5. The student shall be allowed to make up any work missed during a suspension.

Long-Term Suspensions/Expulsion

1. Offenses and possible consequences for student behavior which include long-term suspensions beyond 10 days or expulsions are located in the Code of Student Conduct and Policy JGD/JGE.
2. For any suspension for more than ten days, the Superintendent or designee shall schedule a hearing before the School Board Disciplinary Committee.
3. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of no more than three members of the School Board.
3. The Disciplinary Committee shall hear the case and make a determination to confirm the recommended suspension/expulsion or disapprove the recommendation.
4. The School Board Disciplinary Committee decision shall be final and may not be appealed to the full School Board if it is unanimous.
5. 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.

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6. After the hearing and a decision is made, a written notification shall be sent to the parent or guardian explaining the decision, the eligible date of return and any conditions that must be met prior to the return of the student.
7. Depending on the offense, a student may be assigned to attend an alternative program. If that assignment is made, the compulsory attendance laws shall apply to the student.
8. The Superintendent or designee shall follow all requirements of reporting certain offenses to law enforcement for disciplinary offenses that meet the specified criteria in Policy CLA.

All procedures for suspension or expulsion of students shall comply with all sections of Policy JGD/JGE.

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Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-915.4, 16.1-260, 18.2-119, 18.2-308.1, 18.2-308.7, 18.2-308.2:2, 22.1-200.1, 22.1-254, 22.1-276.01, 22.1-276.2, 22.1-277, 22.1-277.04, 22.1-277.05, 22.1-277.06, 22.1-277.07, 22.1-277.07:1, 22.1-277.08, 22.1-277.2, 22.1-277.2:1, 22.1-279.3:1.

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Cross References.: BCEA Disciplinary Committee
IGBH Alternative School Programs
JEC School Admission
JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct
JFCD Weapons in School
JGDA Disciplining Students With Disabilities
JGDB Discipline of Students With Disabilities for
Infliction of Serious Bodily Injury