

## **Expulsion**

A principal, after reviewing available information, may recommend to the superintendent that a student be expelled. Expulsion of a student shall not extend beyond one calendar year.

No student may be expelled without a hearing unless the student's parents or guardians, or the student if 18 years of age, waive the right to a hearing, either in writing or by their failure to appear at a scheduled hearing. By waiving the right to a hearing, the student and parent or guardian agree to abide by the lawful findings of a hearing or review officer.

When an expulsion hearing is not waived, the following procedure is required:

1. Notice will be given to the student and the parent or guardian by personal service or by certified mail at least 5 days prior to the scheduled hearing. Notice will include: (1) the specific charge or charges; (2) the conduct constituting the alleged violation, including the nature of the evidence of the violation; (3) a recommendation for expulsion; (4) the student's right to a hearing; (5) when and where the hearing will take place; and (6) the right to representation;
2. The superintendent or designee will act as hearing officer. The district may contract with an individual who is not employed by the district to serve as the hearings officer. The hearing officer will conduct the hearing and will not be associated with the initial actions of the building administrators;
3. In case either parent or the student have difficulty understanding the English language or have other serious communication disabilities, the district will provide a translator;
4. The student will be permitted to have a representative present at the hearing to advise and to present arguments. The representative may be an attorney, parent or guardian. The district's attorney may be present;
5. The student will be afforded the right to present his/her version of the charges and to introduce evidence by testimony, writings or other exhibits;
6. The student will be permitted to be present and to hear the evidence presented by the district;
7. The hearings officer will determine the facts of each case on the evidence presented at the hearing. Evidence may include the relevant past history and student education records;
8. The hearings officer or the student may make a record of the hearing;

9. The hearings officer's decision is final. However, this decision may be appealed to the Board. If the decision of the hearings officer is appealed, the Board at its next regular or special meeting will review the decision of the hearings officer and will affirm, modify or reverse the decision. Parents or guardians of students who wish to appeal the decision of the hearings officer will have the opportunity to be heard at the time the Board reviews the decision;
10. Expulsion hearings will be conducted in private and Board review of the hearings officer's decision will be conducted in executive session unless the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a public hearing. If an executive session is held by the Board or a private hearing by the hearings officer, the following will not be made public:
  - a. The name of the minor student;
  - b. The issues involved;
  - c. The discussion;
  - d. The vote of Board members, which may be taken in executive session.

Prior to expulsion, the district must propose alternative programs of instruction or instruction combined with counseling to a student expelled for reasons other than a weapons policy violation. The district must document to the parent of the student that proposals of alternative programs have been made.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 192.660  
ORS 332.061  
ORS 336.615 - 336.665  
ORS 339.115  
ORS 339.240  
ORS 339.250  
ORS 339.260

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