

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

Any student who moves into the district and who has been suspended or expelled from a previous district, will complete the suspension or expulsion from the prior school before enrollment in Laramie County School District #2. Any student from another school district who has been expelled will not be accepted as an out-of-district student in Laramie County School District #2.

The Board of Trustees delegates to each principal the right to suspend a student for not more than ten (10) school days for reasons expressed in policy and procedures. The Superintendent may extend the suspension beyond 10 days. Only the Board may expel a student unless otherwise expressly provided for in Board policy. The Superintendent and Board shall be notified of all out-of-school suspensions and cases that warrant expulsion consideration.

A. PRINCIPAL LEVEL SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

- a. The principal will suspend for up through ten (10) days any student with any Category I suspensions and other violations deemed appropriate for suspension by the principal. (see JFC) The principal will also notify Law Enforcement authorities of a weapons violation or any other violation, if deemed appropriate.
- b. Prior to suspending a student from school, the principal shall inform the student of the reasons for the suspension and the evidence against him and shall give the student a chance to present his version of the charges against him and to present evidence in his behalf.
- c. If the student's behavior endangers persons or property or threatens to disrupt the educational program, the student may be suspended immediately. The student will then be given a chance to be heard as soon thereafter as practical, not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the suspension, not counting Saturdays and Sundays.
- d. Oral notice will be given immediately, if possible, and written notice sent within twenty-four (24) hours to the student's parents or guardian stating the reason for the suspension or contemplated expulsion.
- e. The principal will immediately notify the Superintendent of any out of school suspensions.

B. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD LEVEL SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION PROCEDURES

- a. If Law Enforcement is conducting an investigation, the student will not return to school until the investigation is complete and the Superintendent has made a final determination regarding discipline.
- b. The Superintendent may recommend further suspension or expulsion for up through one (1) year.
- c. No student may be suspended for more than ten (10) school days or expelled without an opportunity for a hearing, if requested. The hearing shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth in Guideline BEE.
- d. The student and parents/guardian may waive the requirement for an expulsion hearing by requesting an Agreement for Disposition of Expulsion Proceeding. The Superintendent may negotiate to modify the suspension or expulsion on a case-by-case basis. If there is no negotiation agreement, and the student is found to be in violation in a disciplinary hearing before the Board of Trustees, an expulsion for a full calendar year shall occur.
- e. Special Circumstances: In the case of a special education student where it has been determined by the IEP team through a manifestation determination that the action was related to the disability, the IEP team shall determine an off-campus alternative educational placement for the student beyond any ten (10) day suspension. For such a student, a suspension will not exceed 45 days without the consent of the parents. IEP services will continue to be provided for any suspensions beyond ten (10) days.

Suspension or expulsion from school shall not be imposed as an additional punishment for offenses punishable under the laws of the State, except where the offense was committed at a school or school function or is of such a nature that continuation in school would be detrimental to the welfare, safety or morals of others.

C. AGREEMENT FOR DISPOSITION OF EXPULSION PROCEEDING

An agreement between the student, parent/guardian, and the administration of Laramie County School District No. 2 will contain joint recommendations for a resolution of a recommendation for expulsion from school.

1. The agreement will state the reasons and disposition of the case prior to the recommendation for expulsion.
2. The agreement will state the recommendation for a resolution of the matter.

3. The agreement will state the conditions that need to be fulfilled for a resolution of the matter.
4. The agreement will state that the Board is under no obligation to accept the agreement.
5. The agreement will contain a signed statement by the parent/guardian requesting the Board accept this agreement and waive the right to an expulsion hearing.
6. The agreement will be signed by the student, parent/guardian, principal and superintendent.
7. The agreement will contain a date of acceptance signed by the board chairman.

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