



Summary of the Expulsion Process

Expulsion is the "removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control, or general supervision, of school personnel. An expelled student may not participate in any district program or activity, including any independent study program." A student may not be recommended for expulsion unless it is determined that the student has violated one or more of the causes for suspension and expulsion in Administrative Procedure 6295, the district's policy on expulsion. The policy can be requested from your school or accessed via the website at www.sandi.net/policy/.

Upon recommendation by appointed administrative panel, the Board of Education may order a student expelled upon finding that the student committed an act for which a student may be suspended and recommended for expulsion.

Within thirty (30) school days of the principal's or designee's determination that the student has committed an offense for which he/she may be expelled, the student is entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled.

The student is entitled to one postponement of an expulsion hearing. Once the hearing has started, it must be conducted without any unnecessary delay.

Written notice of the hearing must be sent to the student at least ten (10) days before the hearing date. The notice must include:

- Date and place of the hearing.
- The specific facts and charges upon which the proposed expulsion is based.
- A copy of the district disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation.
- The opportunity for the student or student's parent/guardian to appear in person and/or to employ and be represented by an attorney
- The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing.
- The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing and to question all other evidence presented.
- The opportunity to present evidence on the student's behalf, including witnesses.

An Expulsion Review Panel made up of three district staff members who possess teaching credentials, none of whom are employed as staff from the school that the student attends, conducts a hearing to consider the recommendation to expel a student. That meeting is closed to the public unless the student or student's parent/guardian submits a written request that the hearing be conducted in public. Hearings are recorded and students are to have access to written materials presented to the panel.

The Expulsion Review Panel must determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board of Education.

SUMMARY

- ❖ A student may not be recommended for expulsion unless it is determined that the student has violated one or more of the causes for suspension and expulsion in Administrative Procedure 6295.
- ❖ The student is entitled to a hearing within 30 school days of the principal's determination that the student has committed the offense, and he/she must receive written notice of an expulsion hearing.
- ❖ The Expulsion Review Panel is made up of at least 3 district staff members.
- ❖ Expulsion hearings are closed to the public. Students have access to all materials related to their case at the hearing.
- ❖ The panel decides whether to recommend that the Board of Education expel the student. Only the Board may expel a student.
- ❖ The Board of Education can decide not to expel, to expel or to suspend the student's expulsion, and must recommend a rehabilitation plan for the student (counseling, community service, employment, etc.).
- ❖ At the time of expulsion, the student and parent/guardian are notified of the readmission process and timeline.
- ❖ Expulsion is in effect until the Board orders the student to be readmitted.

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If the Expulsion Review Panel decides not to recommend expulsion, expulsion proceedings are terminated. The student is immediately reinstated and permitted to return to a classroom instructional program, any other instructional program, a rehabilitation program or a combination of these programs. The Placement and Appeal Office consults the student's teachers and parent/guardian to decide to place a student in one or more of these programs. The decision not to recommend expulsion is final.

If the Expulsion Review Panel recommends expulsion, the evidence supporting the decision is submitted to the Board of Education. Only the Board of Education may expel a student.

Upon expulsion, the Board of Education must recommend a plan of rehabilitation for the student. The rehabilitation plan may include review and assessment at the time of application for readmission. The plan also may include recommendations for counseling, employment, community service or other programs. The Board of Education, upon voting to expel a student, can assign the student to a school, class or program deemed appropriate for rehabilitation of the student. The board can also decide to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order.

Before the end of the last semester of expulsion, the student must contact the district's Placement and Appeal Office, which will determine appropriate placement for the student upon readmission. This decision will take into account the nature of the offense leading to expulsion and the health, safety and welfare of all district staff and students.

An expulsion order remains in effect until the Board of Education orders readmission of a student.

Upon completion of the readmission process, the Board of Education will readmit the student, unless the Board finds that the student has not met the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other students or employees of the school district. The student and student's parent/guardian will receive a description of the readmission process at the time the student is expelled by the Board.

If the Board of Education denies the readmission of an expelled student, the Board must either decide to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected for the student during the period of the expulsion order, or to place the student in another program serving expelled students. This may include placement in county community school. The Board of Education must provide written notice to the expelled student and the student's parent or guardian describing the reasons for denying the student readmittance into the regular school district program.

Upon satisfactory completion of the student's rehabilitation assignment, the Board of Education shall readmit the student.

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