

SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

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JURISDICTION: **RSU 73 Schools****POLICY: EXPULSION OF STUDENTS**

No student shall be expelled from school except by action of the Board. Following a proper investigation of a student's behavior and due process proceedings conducted in accordance with 20-A MRSA § 1001(8)(A), the Board shall expel the student, if found necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school, as provided in 20-A MRSA § 1001(9) and (9A).

The Board also has the authority to readmit an expelled student on satisfactory evidence that the behavior which was the cause of the student being expelled will not likely recur.

NOTICE OF EXPULSION HEARING

Before any expulsion hearing, the Superintendent shall:

- A. Provide written notice, by regular and certified mail, to the parent(s) / guardian(s) and the student informing them of:
 - i. The date, time, and location of the hearing;
 - ii. A description of the incident(s) that resulted in the expulsion hearing;
 - iii. The student's and parent(s) / guardian(s)' right to review the school's records prior to the hearing;
 - iv. A description of the hearing process, including the student's right to present and cross-examine witnesses and their right to an attorney or other representative; and
 - v. An explanation of the consequences of an expulsion.

- B. Invite the parent(s) / guardian(s) and the student to a meeting prior to the expulsion hearing to discuss the procedures of the hearing.

EXPULSION HEARING

The hearing shall be in a properly called executive session and may also be attended by the persons designated by the Superintendent to present information in the case.

Upon making a decision to expel a student, the Board may:

- A. expel the student for a specific period of time not to exceed the total number of instructional days approved by the Board for the current year; or

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- B. expel the student for an unspecified period of time and authorize the Superintendent to provide the expelled student with a reentry plan, to be developed in accordance with 20-A MRSA § 1001(9-C), specifying the conditions that must be met in order for the student to be readmitted to school after the expulsion.

After the expulsion hearing, the Board shall provide written notice of its decision to the parent(s) / guardian(s) and the student by certified mail.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent the Board from providing educational services in an alternative setting to a student who has been expelled.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001 (8-A), (9), (9A-9D)
1 MRSA § 405(6)(B)

Cross Reference: JKE-R - Expulsion of Students Procedural Guidelines
JICIA - Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JK - Student Discipline
JKD - Suspension of Students
JKF - Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

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