

## Students

### Expulsion

Under the School Code of Illinois, the Board of Education is authorized to expel students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct.

The Board may expel a student for a definite period of time not to exceed 2 calendar years, as determined on a case by case basis. A student who is determined to have brought a weapon, as that term is defined by Section 10-22.6(d) of the School Code, to school, or to any school-sponsored activity or event, or to any activity or event which bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year, except that the expulsion period may be modified by the Board on a case by case basis.

Students and parents shall be afforded the following procedural protection:

1. Students subject to possible expulsion shall be given a written notice detailing the charges and specifying the time and place where a hearing will be held to discuss those charges.
2. Such hearing shall be conducted either by the Board of Education or its designated hearing officer.
3. The Superintendent shall provide written notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing to the parents or guardian of the student by registered or certified mail, shall request the appearance of the parents or guardian at the expulsion hearing, and shall inform them of the student's right to be represented by counsel. Unless the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) indicate that they do not want a hearing or fail to appear at the designated time and place, the hearing will proceed.
4. During the expulsion hearing, the student and his/her parents or guardian may be represented by counsel, present witnesses and other evidence on his/her behalf, and cross-examine adverse witnesses.
5. At the hearing the Board or hearing officer shall state the reasons for the possible expulsion and the date on which the expulsion may become effective, and shall hear evidence on the issue of whether the student is guilty of the gross disobedience or misconduct charged. The hearing may be recorded by any party.

If a hearing officer is appointed by the Board, he/she shall report to the Board a written summary of the evidence presented at the hearing. After presentation of the evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board shall take whatever formal action it deems appropriate.

Gross disobedience or misconduct of students shall include, but not be limited to, extreme or repeated instances of the following:

1. Disobedience or directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations governing student conduct.
2. Possession, use, distribution, purchase, sale, or being under the influence of illicit drugs and/or alcoholic beverages.
3. Injury or threat of injury to any School District employee, official, or student.
4. Destruction and/or defacement of any school property.
5. Possession, use, or distribution of a weapon.
6. Any other conduct which poses a danger to persons or property or disrupts the educational process.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-22.6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b);  
Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)

CROSS REF.: 7.130 and 7.190

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