

POLICY 551 – STUDENT EXCLUSION AND EXPULSION

I PURPOSE

The School Board recognizes that in order to achieve its mission, a safe and healthy learning environment is essential. Students must conduct themselves in a manner that maintains a climate in which learning can take place. The school district will attempt to prevent student dismissals from school through the early detection of problems. However, it also recognizes that there are instances when it will be necessary and appropriate to administer disciplinary measures. Expulsions and exclusions will be imposed in those instances when a student has not taken action to improve his or her conduct and/or when the student's conduct is of sufficient severity that it impedes health, safety or welfare of the student, other students or school district employees.

II GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Exclusion and expulsion are governed by The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act.

A. Exclusion and Expulsion may result for student behavior which:

1. violates federal, state, or local laws;
2. violates School Board policies or building regulations;
3. disrupts the rights of others to an education;
4. disrupts the ability of school personnel to perform their duties;
5. disrupts school-sponsored or extracurricular activities; or
6. endangers the health, safety or welfare of any person, including other students, school district employees, the offender or surrounding persons or property of the school.

B. A student who is receiving special education services will not be excluded or expelled when the misconduct is a manifestation of the student's disability. The school district will initiate a review of the student's individual education plan and conduct a review of the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior subject to disciplinary action and determine the appropriateness of the student's education plan before commencing an expulsion or exclusion.

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Legal References:

M.S. 121A.40-121.56 - Pupil Fair Dismissal Act

M.S. Ch. 125A – Students with Disabilities

20 U.S.C. § 1400-1487 – IDEA

29 U.S.C § 794 *et. seq.* – Rehabilitation Act of 1973, §504

34 C.F.R. § 300.530-300.536 – Discipline Procedures

Cross Reference:

Policy 502 – Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person

Policy 503 – Attendance and Absences
Policy 504 – Student Dress and Appearance
Policy 506 – Student Discipline
Policy 514 – Bullying Prohibition
Policy 516 – Student Medication
Policy 524 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy
Policy 526 – Hazing Prohibition
Policy 541 – Chemical Use/Abuse
Policy 542 – Extended Educational Trips
Policy 548 – Harassment and Violence
Policy 550 – Suspension
Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety
Policy 726 – Student Conduct on Buses

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