

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS

For purposes of this policy, “suspension” and “expulsion” shall be defined by Indiana law.

The Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District Board of School Trustees will ensure a child is afforded due process before suspension or expulsion. A student may be suspended and/or expelled from an activity, program, or a school if his/her behavior represents misconduct or substantial disobedience while the student is on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, or immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; or traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event.

A student may also be suspended or expelled for engaging in unlawful activity on or off school grounds if the unlawful activity may reasonably be considered to be an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or the student's removal is necessary to restore order or protect persons on school property, including any unlawful activity during weekends, holidays, other school breaks, and the summer period when a student may not be attending classes or other school functions.

Furthermore, a student may be suspended or expelled for bullying, regardless of the physical location in which the bullying occurred in accordance with Indiana law and the Board’s C200 Anti-Bullying Policy. Students with disabilities shall be afforded procedural safeguards as required by state and federal law.

The Board of School Trustees has voted not to hear any expulsion appeals. Instead, appeals of expulsion must be filed with the County Court.

The Superintendent shall develop a Student Code of Conduct providing appropriate procedures for implementing this policy and complying with applicable law, and the principal shall report all expulsions and second suspensions to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in accordance with law and the Bureau's guidelines.

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