



# Policy Workshop – November 8, 2017

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# Policy 218 – Suspension and Expulsion

- Exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student and one that cannot be imposed without due process.
- The Board shall define and publish in the Code of Student Conduct the types of offenses that would lead to exclusion from school.

# Authority - Suspensions

- The Board may suspend or expel a student for such time as it deems necessary, or may permanently expel a student.
- Every principal or his/her designee in charge of a public school may temporarily suspend for a period of one (1) to ten (10) days any student for disobedience or misconduct, as set forth in the Code of Student Conduct.

See 24 P.S. 13-1318; 22 Pa. Code 12.6, 12.8

# Suspensions – Informal Hearing Requirement

- When a suspension exceeds three (3) school days, the student and parent/ guardian shall be given the opportunity for an informal hearing with the designated school official. Such hearing shall take place as soon as possible after the suspension, and the District shall offer to hold it within the five (5) days of the suspension.

See 22 Pa. Code 12.8

# Policy 218 – Proposed Revision

- Prohibition added in the “Guidelines” section as follows:

The Board hereby prohibits the out of school suspension of students enrolled in grades below the third grade for non-violent minor disciplinary infractions, as defined in corresponding administrative regulations to this policy, effective [INSERT DATE DETERMINED BY BOARD].



# Discussion / Questions

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