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Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion Frequently Asked Questions

Every principal or assistant principal in charge of a public school may issue a temporary suspension from school based on misconduct as outlined in the student code of conduct.

1. What is the difference between suspension and expulsion?

Suspension is the exclusion of a student from school for a period of from 1 to 10 consecutive days and suspensions may be issued by the person in charge of the school (principal or assistant principal). Expulsion is exclusion of a student from school for more than 10 consecutive school days and must be approved by the Board of School Directors, following a formal hearing.

2. Is expulsion from school permanent?

Expulsion is the exclusion of a student from school for a period of more than 10 consecutive days. Therefore, a student who is excluded from school for 11 consecutive days is considered to have been 'expelled'. The same would be true for a student who has committed a misconduct in the student code of conduct that would result in 181 days (school year) of exclusion. The number of days of exclusion from school is dependent on the nature of the misconduct that has occurred and the governing school rules which outline consequences for school misconduct.

3. How are students educated when an expulsion occurs?

Students who are under 18 years of age are still subject to the compulsory school attendance law even when expelled from school and as such are entitled to continue to receive their education.

4. What types of student misconduct can lead to suspension or expulsion?

Each school principal and assistant principal develop a code of student conduct that outlines the rules for the school that outline the expectations for students. The Board of School Directors approves the student code of conduct prior to

the start of each new school year. The student code of conduct is published and distributed to all students and families. If you have not received your copy, please reach out to your school principal.

5. If a student transfers into SVSD from another school, having been expelled from that school, are they able to attend SVSD?

SVSD, through the registration process, requires notice of situations where a student has been expelled from another school. In such instances, SVSD upholds the expulsion of the former/sending school.

6. Where can I learn more about exclusions from school and the laws that govern exclusions from school?

- a. [22 Pa. Code §12.6](#) provides more information on the rules for exclusions from school.*