

Special Education District of Lake County

Students

Exhibit - Notice of Expulsion Hearing

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Due to the act(s) of gross disobedience or misconduct described herein, a recommendation has been made to the School Board to expel your child from school. The School Code allows the School Board to expel a student for a definite time period not to exceed two (2) calendar years, as determined on a case-by-case basis.

Student

Incident Date

Student handbook rule(s) and/or Board policy violated: _____

Length of the proposed expulsion: _____

Description of the incident and a justification for a recommendation of expulsion: This information is contained in the *Long Term Out-of-School Suspension (4-10 days) Reporting Form* attached to this letter. If there was no long-term suspension, the specific acts of gross disobedience or misconduct resulting in recommendation to expel are described in the attached sheet.

The following additional efforts to resolve threats or disruptions and minimize the length of out-of-school suspensions were also provided: _____

Evidence will be presented and the Board will decide:

1. Whether removing your child from his or her learning environment is in the best interest of the school;
2. The rationale for the specific duration of the recommended expulsion;
3. Whether all appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions were exhausted; and
4. Whether your child's continuing presence in school would either: (a) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or (b) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.

You are requested to appear at a hearing before the School Board or a hearing officer acting on the Board's behalf to determine if your child should be expelled from school.

Hearing Date	Time	Location
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At the expulsion hearing, the Board or its hearing officer will consider evidence concerning whether your child is guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct as charged and should be expelled from school. The hearing will be held in closed session. At this hearing you have each of the following rights:

1. To be present.
2. To appear with a representative of your choice and at your expense for your child throughout the proceedings. Your representative may address the Board or its hearing officer. You must inform the District if your child will appear with a representative and, if so, the representative's name and contact information.
3. To be accompanied by a support person of your choice and at your expense for your child throughout the proceedings. You must inform the District if your child will be accompanied by a support person and, if so, the support person's name and contact information.
4. To offer evidence.
5. To present witnesses and cross-examine witnesses who testify.
If the hearing involves allegations of sexual violence by the student, insert the following:
However, please note that because the hearing involves allegations of sexual violence by your child, neither your child nor your child's representative shall directly question nor have direct contact with the alleged victim. Your child or your child's representative may, at the discretion of the Board or its hearing officer, suggest questions to be posed by the Board or its hearing officer to the alleged victim.
6. To present other reasons why your child should not be expelled, including any factor to be considered in mitigation. Such factors may include, if applicable, your child's status as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A.

Please be advised that your child's representative and/or support person must comply with any hearing rules and may be prohibited from further participation if they violate District rules or engage in behavior or advocacy that harasses, abuses, or intimidates either party, a witness, or anyone else in attendance at the hearing.

After presentation of evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board will decide the issue of guilt and take such actions as it finds appropriate.

Superintendent

Date

cc: School Board

enclosure: Copy of 7:200-E2, *Long Term Out-of-School Suspension (4-10 Days) Reporting Form*, or a list of the specific acts of gross disobedience or misconduct

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