

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

STUDENTS

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Douglas County School District Board of Trustees ("the Board") recognizes that maintaining a safe and productive learning environment is essential to its mission to empower students with the skills, knowledge, values, and opportunities to thrive. To that end, appropriate disciplinary measures, including suspension and expulsion of students, are authorized to address behavior of students that disrupts the learning environment of the Douglas County School District ("the District").

The Board recognizes that exclusion from the educational program of the District is a severe sanction that cannot be imposed without appropriate due process, including timely notification to parents/guardians and a right of appeal. Accordingly, suspension and expulsion of students will occur only in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations, including NRS Chapter 392 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as applicable.

All students are expected to follow District policies and regulations, school rules of conduct, and city, state, and federal law. All students are expected to adhere to all applicable standards of conduct while at school, traveling to and from school, during lunch times, and while involved in all school-sponsored activities. Failure to do so subjects a student to discipline, including potential suspension and expulsion. Administrative Regulation 529 establishes detailed guidelines for District administrators to follow in cases where suspension or expulsion is imposed.

A student shall have the right to appeal a suspension or expulsion within five (5) school days of receiving notification of the suspension or expulsion. Within five (5) school days of receiving the appeal, a designee of the Board shall conduct a hearing to determine the seriousness of the acts which were the basis for the suspension or expulsion. The decision of the designee shall be final and no additional appeal may be had.

[See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy](#)

Related Policies: Tobacco Free Schools Policy No. [106](#)
Prescription Drugs at School Policy No. [508](#)
Drug & Alcohol Policy No. [523](#)
Gang Affiliation & Activity Policy No. [540](#)
Weapons Policy [529A](#)
Reference: NRS 392.467, NRS 392.466 and NRS 202.265
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