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I. Purpose

The Joint Committee recognizes that EASTERN programs are an extension of the high school programs offered through the participating school districts. Any exclusion or expulsion of a student therefore affects the student's entire school program.

II. Definitions

An expulsion or exclusion offense is any violation of law or school rules and policy the commission of which may subject a student to expulsion or exclusion from the participating public high school of the student's district of residence had the offense been committed under the jurisdiction of the public high school.

III. Procedures

If a student is found by his/her participating school to have committed an offense that is the type of offense that may lead to exclusion from school and the participating school excludes the student from attendance at his/her participating school for such offense, the student shall be deemed to be excluded from attendance at EASTERN under the same terms and for the same period as determined by the participating school.

Should a student commit a violation of law or school policy which may merit expulsion or exclusion from school for a continuous period in excess of ten (10) school days as determined by the Director, the offense will be referred to the superintendent of the school district of residence of the student.

The Director and other administrators of EASTERN will cooperate with the administration and Board of School Directors of the participating District in order to coordinate the informal hearing procedure, conduct an investigation, secure written statements and anecdotal records substantiating the charges, and provide information and notification requirements for a formal hearing for expulsion proceedings in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code. The formal hearing for expulsion will be conducted by the Board of the participating school district. In the event that this policy needs to be applied to a non-public school student, every effort will be made to involve and consult the administration of the non-public school which the student attends. However, the expulsion hearing in the case of a non-public school student will be conducted by the Joint Committee.

The Director and other administrators or employees of EASTERN will be available as witnesses in any formal hearing conducted by the participating District or its Board in the same manner as if EASTERN had been a separate school building within that District. The results of any suspension, exclusion, and expulsion decisions made by the participating District will be applied and enforced by EASTERN as if they had been done by the administration and Joint Committee of EASTERN.

The jurisdiction for any expulsion decision which affects a student at EASTERN resides with the resident district Superintendent and Board of School Directors of the participating district under whose auspices the student attends EASTERN. In the case of a non-public student, jurisdiction for any expulsion decision resides with the Superintendent of Record of EASTERN and the Joint Committee. If the non-public student subsequent to an expulsion decision by EASTERN seeks to re-enroll in the participating public school district, that district may elect to honor the expulsion decision by the Joint Committee.

An exception to the above policy shall require approval of both the participating district's School Board and the Joint Operating Committee.

Irrespective of anything stated above, EASTERN will at all times act in compliance with the federal and state laws regarding the rights of students with disabilities.

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