Central Greene School District

Section PUPILS

Title SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

CENTRAL GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Guide		Reference
	233. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that 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 in this district and one that cannot be imposed without due process. The Board may, after a proper hearing, suspend a child for such time as it deems necessary or may permanently expel him.	22 § 12.6 § 1318
2. Authority	Temporary Suspension The principal or assistant principal in charge of a public school may suspend any pupil for disobedience or misconduct for a period of time not longer than three school days and shall report the suspension to the Superintendent as soon as possible thereafter. No student may be suspended for a period of time of one day or longer without notice of the reasons for which s/he is suspended and an opportunity to be heard in his/her own behalf before the school official who holds the authority to reinstate him/her. Wherever possible, an initial hearing shall be afforded before the suspension takes place; if circumstances prohibit, it shall take place as soon as possible after the suspension except that, when extraordinary circumstances involving the health and safety of the student or others in the school require immediate exclusion, the hearing may be delayed to such a time as circumstances permit. Full Suspension A student may be suspended up to ten school days following a hearing by the principal. A full suspension may be imposed for as long a period as ten days following a hearing, but in the case of any suspension over three school days, the student and his/her parents shall be	22 § 12.6 (b) (1) 22 § 12.7

offered the opportunity for a hearing before the principal. Such hearing shall provide the student and his/her parent with adequate and timely notice of the time and place of the hearing, a statement in writing of the reason for the suspension and the names of those upon whose testimony the reasons rest, an opportunity to cross-examine those witnesses, and an opportunity to present testimony and argument on the student's own behalf.

Expulsion

The Board may permanently expel from the rolls of this district any student whose misconduct and disobedience is such as to warrant this sanction. No student shall be expelled without an opportunity for a formal hearing before the Board of Directors and upon action taken by the Board after the hearing. The Board shall continue to be responsible for the education of the student under full suspension, and shall provide homebound instruction for any student suspended for more than ten school days.

The student under 17 years of age who is expelled has forfeited his/her right to an education in the schools of this district, but has not been excused from compliance with the compulsory attendance statutes. The Board directs the Superintendent to assist the parents of such a student in placing the student in an appropriate educational program other than in this district.

22 § 12.6 (e) (2)

Formal Hearing (Refer to P.G. 219)

P.G. 219
22 § 12.8

Students suspended for a period of time longer than a full suspension shall be afforded a formal hearing which shall take place within three weeks after the suspension occurs, but delay of such hearing shall not operate to delay return to school.

Each suspended student who has requested a formal hearing shall be restored to a regular educational program pending the outcome of the hearing, except when in the opinion of the Superintendent, the presence of the student in school poses such a danger to him/herself or others as to warrant continued absence.

The formal hearing shall observe the due process requirements of notification of the charges in writing to the student, notice of the time and place of the hearing, sufficiently in advance to allow adequate preparation

for it; a fair and impartial tribunal; the right to representation by counsel; the disclosure of the names of witnesses and the testimony they have made; the right to cross-examine such witnesses; the right to present witnesses and testimony on the student's behalf; recordation of the proceedings and a copy of the transcript. — 22 § 12.8 (1)

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop rules and regulations to implement this policy which shall include:

- the publication of standards of behavior to all students in accordance with Board policy on student discipline; — 22 § 12.3
- procedures that insure due process in the deprivation of a student's right to attend school and comport with this policy;
- regulations regarding student records which require that all records of suspension be expunged if a student is found innocent of charges made against him/her;
- procedures for periodic case review of expelled pupils annually.

School Code — § § 1318

PA Code (Title 22) — §§ 12.3, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8