

***Paradise Canyon
Elementary School***

**Comprehensive School Safety
Plan**

**Summary of Changes
2017-2018**

1. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Updates and Revisions:

- Section 1 Summary of Changes**
- Section 2 Assurances (Signature) page**
- Section 5 School Site Disaster Plan - Assignments, maps**
- Section 6 LCUSD Discipline, Suspension, Expulsion Due Process**

2. Assurances

The undersigned assure that the School Safety Plan includes the following elements:


- An assessment of the current status of school or school-related crimes
- Child abuse reporting procedures
- Disaster procedures, routine and emergency
- Policies related to suspension, expulsion or mandatory expulsion and other school designated serious acts which would lead to suspension or expulsion
- Procedures regarding teacher notification of dangerous students pursuant to EC 49079
- Sexual harassment policy pursuant to EC 212.6 (b)
- Provisions of any schoolwide dress code, established pursuant to EC 35183
- Procedures for safe ingress and egress to and from school
- A safe and orderly environment conducive to learning
- Rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to EC 35291 and 35291.5
- Hate crime reporting procedures pursuant to chapter 1.2 of Title 15 of the Penal Code

In addition, Paradise Canyon School has met the following requirements of SB 187

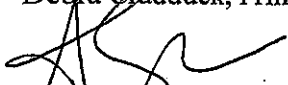
- The plan was written and developed by the LCAP committee pursuant to EC 52012 or 52852
- The LCAP committee consulted with a representative from a law enforcement agency regarding the writing and development of the plan
- A public hearing was held by the LCAP committee on January 31, 2017
- Public input was solicited through the LCAP committee which meets 3 times a year.


Edita Khanlarian, LCAP Representative


1/23/17
Date


Debra Craddock, Principal

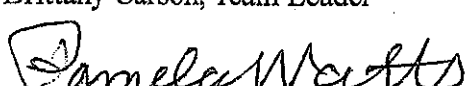
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Amber Franklin, PTA President

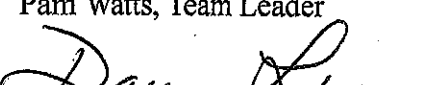
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Brittany Carson, Team Leader

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Pam Watts, Team Leader

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Danna Lesko, Team Leader

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Date


Cristina Tinglof, Classified Employee Representative

1/23/17
Date


Peter Castro, City Representative

1/23/17
Date

Paradise Canyon Elementary School
Disaster Response Teams
2016 - 2017

Emergency Operations Center: *Craddock, *Pierce (documentation), *Hetzel, *Chase, *Cesario

Emergency Bin: *Hetzel, *Chase, student runners

First Aid: Next to handball court

Team Leaders: District Nurse, Dunlop

Support Staff: *Block (documentation), Page, Messina, Scanlan, Hada, Galante, Anand, Babish

Sweep and Rescue Teams: Meet at Emergency Bin

Red Team: Rivas, *Kha

Search & Rescue Team: *Hardash, *Hajek

Yellow Team: Arbucci, *Lloyd

Green Team: Russell, *Chase

Blue Team: Hong, *Kazak

Request Gate: At Oliveta entrance

Team Leader: Selsor

Support Staff: *Watts, Budde, Wulschlager, McClure, student runners

Reunion Gate: At pedestrian gate, next to MPR

Team Leader: Newman

Support Staff: *Parra, Valdez, Tinglof, Mosley

Security: Front of School/Parking Lot

Team Leader: Hetzel

Support Staff: Lee, Markarian, Olavi, Aldi, Noon Duty aides,

Gould gate: Aides

Reunion gate: Lee, Aldi

Student Supervision: All classes report to lower playground line up, then move to field area when directed

Team Leader: *Cesario

Support Staff: Phillips, Fike, Hurley, Sanchez, Mirjarez, Tafoya

K: Posod, McCullough

1st grade: Carson, Gardner

2nd grade: Perdisatt

3rd grade: Bachmuth, Brown

4th grade: Celestino

5th grade: Lesko

6th grade: Khanlarian

Damage control, utility check & site safety: *Javier, *Gilbert, *Raul (Lock Down/Gas Shut off)

All additional personnel report to Cesario to assist with Student Assembly Area supervision.

Emergency Drill Procedures 2016-2017

- All teachers, please check your red backpack and folder for:
 1. Your current student roster
 2. Several Student Accounting Forms
 3. A pen and/or pencil
 4. A current student roster for your Field Buddy (see attached sheet)
 5. Directions for a substitute that are DETAILED to your specific duties for emergencies
- When the emergency bell sounds:
 1. (For Earthquakes) All classes AND TEACHERS will drop and cover.
 2. Teachers count to 10 with your students out loud, 3 times. In between each 10, tell students to take 3 deep breaths, in and out.
 3. After the shaking stops and/or you have counted to 10 three times, everyone stands up.
 4. Before moving, you and your students must check themselves for injuries, and ask each other "Are you ok?" This will be a quick check for injuries to report.
 5. (All other Emergency Evacuations) Students will line up to evacuate.
 6. Take your red backpack.
 7. Before evacuating, teachers must check the status of their "Building Buddy." That is the teacher/person next door to you, or closest to you. These buddies are not assigned, please designate your own. Everyone must have a Building Buddy!
- If you have an injured student who is unable to be moved, the teacher may remain with the student. Your Building Buddy will take your class and red backpack out to the playground to report what has happened.
- Once out on the playground, take roll and complete a Student Accounting Form for your class.
 1. If you had to bring out your Building Buddy's class, complete a SEPARATE form for that class. Send the forms to Debbie Pierce at the Emergency Operations Center immediately.
 2. Make your red or green card and your name card visible on your backpack.
 3. Should your building buddy (the teacher next door to you) be on a field trip, report it on a separate Student Accounting Form for the class.
 4. Mobile team members (anyone with a job during the emergencies), will instruct their students to sit down on the blacktop and then hand off their class roster to the Student Assembly Team Member for their grade level.
 5. The mobile team member reports to their station.
- When directed to do so by the Emergency Operations Center, students will be moved to the field. *Grade Level Lead Teachers will direct classes one at a time to ensure grade levels remain together.*
 1. Student Assembly Team Members for the grade levels will assist student runners in locating requested students to be checked out.
 2. Any time a student is requested to be released, Grade Level Teachers must note what time the student left your supervision on the Student Release/Check Out Log.
 3. The Student Assembly Team Leader (Cesario) will periodically instruct Grade Level Teachers to take attendance to report to the Emergency Operations Center.

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Emergency
Operations
Center (EOC)

MPR

Reunion
Gate

Staff Parking Lot
Security

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Knight Way

MAP NOT TO
SCALE
2016 - 2017



Pre-School
McClure/
Posod/
McCullough
Z Khanlarian
Y Kha
X Budde
W Selsor
V Kazak
U Lesko
T Hajek
S Hong
R Celestino
Q Lloyd
P Arbucci
O Block
N Page
M Hardash
L Brown
K Bachmuth
J Watts
I Russell
H Perdisatt
G Parra
F Newman
E Rivas
D Valdez
C Messina
B Gardner
A Bridgman (Carson)

First
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Disaster
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Request
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Emergency Vehicles Only

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Native
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Workroom

Restroom

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Staff
Lounge

Principal

Office

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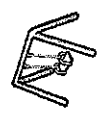
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Upper
Playground
(grades 1-2)



MAP NOT TO
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2016 - 2017

Red
Team

6th Kha 25	4th Lloyd 26	6th Khanlarian 27	6th Budde 28	R R
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RSP	Cesarlo	29	4th	Hong	30	4th	Arbucci	31	4th	Celestino	32	ELD	33	Spanish	34	Music	35	CEC	36	CEC	37	CEC	38
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Blue
Team

1st	Messina	19	3rd	Brown	20
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1st	Carson	13	3rd	Page	14	3rd	Block	15	Computer	Lab	16
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2nd	Newman	9	2nd	Parra	10	2nd	Watts	11	2nd	Perdisatt	12
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Kinder	Posod	8	Kinder	McClure	7
Kindergarten Yard					

5th	Hajak	21	5th	Lesko	22	5th	Kazak	23	5th	Selsor	24
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3rd	Hardash	17	2nd	Russell	18	R	R
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Library



Lower
Playground
(grades 3-6)

Covered
Eating Area

Quad

Stage	Art	Cafe	Kitchen	Native Plant Garden
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Pre-K	McCune	3	Pre-K	Hill	2	1st	Gardner	1
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Workroom	Restroom	Speech	Staff Lounge	Principal	Psych	Health Office	Restroom	AP	MPR
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Green
Team

Knight Way

Staff Parking Only

Staff
Parking

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Alarm – Either bells, siren, announcement, or shaking

Initial classroom procedures – Drop, Cover and Hold, Evacuate, etc. (depends on incident)

- This procedure consists of everyone dropping to their knees, taking cover under a table or desk, protecting their head with arms if not under a table or desk, and face away from windows or mirrors.
- In an actual earthquake, teachers shall immediately instruct students to the DROP Procedure (duck, cover, and hold) until the earth movement stops, and then evacuate the building immediately. If PA system is not functioning, teachers make determination when to evacuate.

Evacuate – Take emergency Backpack, roll sheet and lead students to the field

- If you have a student that is immobile due to injury, decide to leave or stay with the student.
- If teacher remains with immobile student, the buddy teacher will take responsibility for the class and evacuate both classes to the field.
- Fire = closed door, unlocked
- Earthquake = open door, unlocked

Buddy check – visual check to see buddy teacher/class are ok to move to field

Follow evacuation route – to the lower field and assigned letter

- Teachers will select alternate exits and/or evacuation routes whenever the designated escape route is blocked.
- All students, teachers, and other employees shall not walk directly under the corridors. Walk away from the building whenever possible.

Line students up behind your letter and put backpack in front of line with NAME sign visible

Use name stickers to take attendance

Attach and display red or green laminated square

- Green = all students present and accounted for
- Red = student missing or still in classroom

Complete yellow attendance form with # of students present/absent/missing/injured

- Attach leftover stickers
- Hand to or send to Debbie Pierce
- Handle all minor injuries in line

If you have a job during drills – pass your backpack, roll, and students to grade level leader on field; then report to your job

Wait for further directions from Field Supervisor (Cesario).

- Staff may be asked to assist somewhere else as needed.

Sweep and Search & Rescue Teams

LOCATION: Meet at the Emergency Bin.

PROCEDURES:

1. Complete Student Accounting Form and send form to Emergency Operations Center.
2. Hand off class to grade level Assembly Team member.
3. Report to Emergency Supplies Bin.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Search and Rescue Teams will do the following during the first 15-20 minutes after an earthquake/disaster:

1. 2-member teams obtain equipment from Emergency Bin and search assigned areas.
 - Check every room in the assigned buildings looking for any person(s) who are hurt or need rescue assistance. Begin on the first floor and work up.
 - Place an "X" with chalk on doors of empty rooms.
 - Ensure everyone is out of the building(s). Escort people out of building in normal manner via stairs, halls, and doorways whenever feasible. Send stragglers to the assembly area.
 - Place rescuer safety first. Use good judgment in each situation.
 - Provide first aid on site, as long as you are not in danger.
 - Transport non-ambulatory injured to first aid treatment area, only if it is dangerous to remain.
2. Locate and quickly move victims to a safe location.
3. Spend no more than one minute with each found victim.
4. Report location and findings of search to Emergency Operations Center.
5. Other Search & Rescue Team Members are dispatched to areas where needed, only after receiving reports on initial search from all Search & Rescue Teams.
6. Report fires to Emergency Operations Center and put out small fires as able.

SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT:

1. Master keys.
2. Walkie-talkies.
3. Search & Rescue backpack.
4. CO2 fire extinguishers
5. Hoses
6. Gloves
7. Blankets
8. Notebook containing:
 - a. School Emergency Operations chart.
 - b. School Search Areas Map.

Request/Reunion Gate Teams

PROCEDURES:

1. Check in with Emergency Operations Center.
2. Get necessary supplies from the Emergency Supplies Bin.

REQUEST GATE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Greet and direct parents/guardians through Request process.
2. Request identification and verify authorization on "Student Emergency Contact" Cards.
3. Have parent/guardian fill out both top and bottom of "Permit for Release of Child."
4. Send student runner with bottom copy of "Permit for Release of child" form to locate child in the Student Assembly Area and take the requested student to the Reunion Gate.
5. Direct parent/adult to "Reunion Gate" with original copy of "Permit for Release of Child" form.

REUNION GATE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Reunite student with designated adult collecting matching both copies of "Permit for Release of Child" form, and confirming adult identity with student.
2. Collect the top portion "Permit for Release of Child" from parent/guardian, take attendance sticker from requested student and place it on the back of the either portion of the permit.
3. Staple and file both top and bottom portions of the permit.
4. In the case of discrepancies request adult to return to Request Gate.

SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT AT BOTH REQUEST AND REUNION GATES:

1. Gate keys.
2. Table, chair, desk supplies.
3. Walkie-Talkie.
4. Pens, Paper, Clipboards
5. Runners (Request Gate only)
6. Emergency Notebook containing the following items:
 - Faculty/Staff Roster.
 - School Emergency Operations Chart.
 - School Information Map.
 - Student class rosters.

REQUEST GATE ONLY:

1. Current set of Student Emergency Information Cards in alphabetical order (From Emergency Operations Center).
2. "Permit for Release of Child" forms.
3. Log to document student release requests.

REUNION GATE ONLY:

1. Staplers
2. Box to file original Permit for Release of Child forms in alphabetical order.

Student Assembly Area Team

LOCATION: Playground blacktop and field

PROCEDURES: Remain at Student Assembly Area and supervise students.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Team Leader: Ingrid Jaimes

1. Communicate with Incident Command Center Attendance Accounting Team.
2. Keeps all doorways, hallways, and stairwells safe and clear.
3. Implements "buddy" system with neighboring teachers/staff.
4. Help runners locate students being picked up and direct them to the "Reunion Gate".
5. Keep copy of Permit for Release of Child brought by runner.

Other Staff:

1. Take roll and re-check students from time to time, reporting status to the Incident Command Center.
2. Supervise and reassure students throughout the duration of the emergency.
3. Conduct recreational and educational activities to maintain order and calm.
4. Provide water and snacks to help calm the students.

SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT:

1. Table, chair, desk supplies.
2. Gate keys.
3. Walkie-Talkie.
4. Student Emergency Information Cards (From Incident Command Center).
5. Clipboard with Release Procedures.
6. Student Release Request Forms (Blue Slips).
7. Record-keeping materials.
8. Master list of Students.
9. Runners (10-12 Student Council Members).
10. Notebook containing the following items:
 - a. Evacuation Routes Diagram.
 - b. School Emergency Operations Chart.
 - c. School Information Map.
 - d. Emergency Response Team Log.

Restrooms:

- Students will use gym and field restrooms, if they are safe and water is available.
- If not, sanitation kits are available in the emergency shed for use.
- The kits will be positioned in appropriate locations.
- Girls and boys restrooms should be set up with privacy curtains around.

Shelter:

- In case of inclement weather, if gymnasium is safe, students will be brought inside.
- If building is not safe, alternative IC will seek alternate location. Blankets kept in the emergency shed will be used.

First Aid/Mental Health Team

LOCATION: _____

PROCEDURES:

1. Check in with Emergency Operations Center.
2. Report to the First Aid station next to the handball courts.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Set up first aid area in a safe place.
2. Secure first aid supplies.
3. Triage for life-saving: prioritizing quick check to open airways, stop bleeding and treat shock.
4. Determine need for emergency medical assistance.
5. Administer first aid as needed.
6. Keep record of types of injuries and aid provided.
7. Provide psychological first aid and establish buddy system to support students or staff in need.
8. Keep log of students dispatched for emergency medical assistance and that need follow-through and referrals.

SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT:

1. Table, chair, desk supplies.
2. First aid supplies.
3. Walkie-talkie.
4. Stretchers.
5. Blankets.
6. Wheelchair.
7. First Aid Team Notebook.

Student Runner Procedures for Disasters
2016-2017

1. Teachers evacuate classes and take attendance. Send Student Accounting Form to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
2. Student runners report to supervising staff member at the Request Gate (Oliveta).
3. Staff member will hand student runner the bottom portion of a "Permit for Release of Child."
4. Student runner takes the permit slip to the Student Assembly Area Team Leader (Cesario).
5. The Student Assembly Team Leader assists the runner in locating the student's class.
6. Runner finds student and tells the grade level teacher the student is being checked out.
 - a. When the runner finds the student, the grade level teacher documents on roll sheet the student is being checked out.
 - b. If requested student is not with their class, runner returns to Student Assembly Team Leader (Cesario) for further direction.
7. Runner takes requested student to the Reunion Gate with the permit. Runner hands permit to Reunion Gate staff member.
8. Runner returns to Request Gate.

6. POLICIES RELATED TO SUSPENSION, EXPULSION OR MANDATORY EXPULSION AND OTHER SCHOOL DESIGNATED SERIOUS ACTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.

Attached are the La Canada School District policies and procedures for suspension and expulsion. The criteria for suspension and expulsions are also summarized for parents in our school's "Student Conduct Handbook". This publication is also given to all school, staff for reference.

Following in this component are:

- AR 5144 Discipline
- BP 5144 Discipline
- AR 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process
- BP 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process
- K-6 Suspension Data

La Canada USD

Administrative Regulation

Discipline

AR 5144
Students

Site-Level Rules

Rules for student discipline shall be developed at each school site and filed with the district office. These rules shall be adopted jointly by a panel comprised, at a minimum, of the principal or designee and a representative selected by classroom teachers employed at the school. The views of administrators, teachers, security personnel, parents/guardians and secondary school students shall be obtained when the rules are developed. Site-level rules shall be consistent with law, Governing Board policy and district regulations (Education Code 35291.5). Annually, site-level discipline rules shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated to align with any changes in district discipline policies or goals for school safety and climate as specified in the district's local control and accountability plan. A copy of the rules shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee for inclusion in the comprehensive safety plan.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

School rules shall be communicated to students clearly and in an age-appropriate manner.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary Strategies

To the extent possible, staff shall use disciplinary strategies that keep students in school and participating in the instructional program. Except when a student's presence causes a danger to himself/herself or others or he/she commits a single act of a grave nature or an offense for which suspension or expulsion is required by law, suspension or expulsion shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. Disciplinary strategies may include, but are not limited to:

1. Discussion or conference between school staff and the student and his/her parents/guardians

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

2. Referral of the student to the school counselor or other school support service personnel

for case management and counseling

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

3. Convening of a Student Study Team (SST) or other intervention-related team to assess the behavior and develop and implement an individual plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians
4. When applicable, referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

5. Enrollment in a program for teaching prosocial behavior or anger management
6. Participation in a restorative justice program
7. A positive behavior support plan with tiered interventions that occur during the school day on campus
8. Participation in a social and emotional learning program that teaches students the ability to understand and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations capably
9. Participation in a program that is sensitive to the traumas experienced by students, focuses on students' behavioral health needs, and addresses those needs in a proactive manner
10. After-school programs that address specific behavioral issues or expose students to positive activities and behaviors, including, but not limited to, those operated in collaboration with local parent and community groups

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

11. Recess restriction as provided in the section below entitled "Recess Restriction"
12. Detention after school hours as provided in the section below entitled "Detention After School"
13. Community service as provided in the section below entitled "Community Service"
14. In accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation, restriction or

disqualification from participation in extracurricular activities

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Curricular Activities)

15. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

16. Suspension and expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

When, by law or district policy, other means of correction are required to be implemented before a student could be suspended or expelled, any other means of correction implemented shall be documented and retained in the student's records. (Education Code 48900.5)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Recess Restriction

A teacher may restrict a student's recess time only when he/she believes that this action is the most effective way to bring about improved behavior. When recess restriction may involve the withholding of physical activity from a student, the teacher shall try other disciplinary measures before imposing the restriction. Recess restriction shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom and get a drink or eat lunch, as appropriate.
2. The student shall remain under a certificated employee's supervision during the period of restriction.
3. Teachers shall inform the principal of any recess restrictions they impose.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

If a student will miss his/her after school transportation on account of being detained after school, the teacher, principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative transportation arrangements may be made. The student

shall not be detained unless the teacher, principal or designee has notified the parent/guardian.

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

Students attending junior or high school may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school.

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Board, Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service during non-school hours on school grounds or, with written permission of the student's parent/guardian, off school grounds. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer, or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then the student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension. (Education Code 48900.6)

Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of district rules related to discipline. (Education Code 35291, 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide written notice of disciplinary rules to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in the district.

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La Canada USD

Board Policy

Discipline

BP 5144

Students

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive school environment which is conducive to student learning and to preparing students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and classroom management strategies, provision of appropriate intervention and support, and parent involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

The Board believes in rules that are effective in maintaining safety and order on campus and in correcting student misbehavior without unnecessarily excluding students from school or participation in instruction.

The district shall adopt alternative disciplinary measures that provide students with appropriate interventions and supports as a means for preventing and addressing student misbehavior, communicating clear, appropriate and consistent expectations and consequences for student conduct; and ensuring equity and continued improvement in the implementation of district policies and practices. Positive interventions and alternative disciplinary measures shall be preferred over exclusionary discipline measures as a means for correcting student misbehavior. Disciplinary measures that may result in loss of instructional time or cause students to be disengaged from school, such as detention, suspension, and expulsion, shall be imposed only when required by law or when other means of correction have been documented to have failed. (Education Code 48900.5)

Board policies and regulations shall delineate acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. The administrative staff at each school shall develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. The Board, at an open meeting, shall review the approved school discipline rules as described in the comprehensive safety plan, for consistency with Board policy and state law. Pursuant to Education Code 32282 and 35291.5 any adopted site-level discipline rules must be included in the comprehensive safety plan.

At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health, well-being, and opportunity to learn.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly and consistently, in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing the skills needed to effectively implement the disciplinary strategies adopted for district schools, including, but not limited to, consistent school and classroom management skills, effective accountability and positive intervention techniques, and development of strong, cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

District goals for improving school climate, based on suspension and expulsion rates, surveys of students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding their sense of school safety, and other local measures, shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan, as required by law.

In order to maintain safe and orderly environments, the Board shall give employees all reasonable support with respect to student discipline. If a disciplinary strategy is ineffective, another strategy shall be employed. As permitted by law, continually disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school.

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

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Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process

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Students

Definitions

Suspension from school means removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. However, suspension does not mean any of the following: (Education Code 48925)

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code 48910. Removal from a particular class shall not occur more than once every five school days.

Expulsion means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control, or the general supervision, of school personnel. (Education Code 48925)

Day means a calendar day unless otherwise specifically provided. (Education Code 48925)

School day means a day upon which the schools of the district are in session or weekdays during the summer recess. (Education Code 48925)

Student includes a student's parent/guardian or legal counsel. (Education Code 48925)

Principal's designee means one or more administrators or, if there is not a second administrator at one school site, a certificated person specifically designated by the principal, in writing, to assist with disciplinary procedures. Only one such person may be designated at any time as the principal's primary designee and only one such person may be designated as secondary designee for the school year. The names of such persons shall be on file in the principal's office. (Education Code 48911)

School property, for the purposes described in Education Code 48900, includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases. (Education Code 48900(u))

Notice of Regulations

At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each school shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all school rules related to discipline, suspension and expulsion. Transfer students and their parents/guardians shall be notified at the time of enrollment. (Education Code 35291.5, 48900.1, 48980)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12

Acts for which a student, including a student with disabilities, may be suspended or expelled shall be only those specified as follows:

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person or willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense; or committed as an aider or abettor, as adjudged by a juvenile court, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury (Education Code 48900(a) and (t))

Pursuant to Penal Code 417.27, students are prohibited from possessing a laser pointer on school premises, except for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose.

2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence. (Education Code 48900 (b))

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

3. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of, any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind. (Education Code 48900(c))

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

4. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance or material and represented same as controlled substance, alcohol beverage or intoxicant (Education Code 48900(d))
5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion. (Education Code 48900(e))

6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property. (Education Code 48900(f))
7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property. (Education Code 48900(g))
8. Possessed or used tobacco or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets and betel. This restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing his/her own prescription products. (Education Code 48900(h))
9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity. (Education Code 48900(i))
10. Unlawfully possessed offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11014.5. (Education Code 48900(j))
11. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property. (Education Code 48900(l))
12. Possessed an imitation firearm, i.e., a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence. (Education Code 48900(m))
13. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4. (Education Code 48900(n))
14. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness. (Education Code 48900(o))
15. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. (Education Code 48900(p))
16. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing (Education Code 48900 (q))

Hazing means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognizes by an educational institutions, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student. Hazing does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events. (Education Code 48900(q)).

17. Engaged in an act of bullying (Education Code 48900(r))

Bullying means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, directed toward one or more students that has or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student in fear of harm to himself/herself or his/her property; cause the student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his/her physical or mental health; or cause the student to experience substantial interferences with his/her academic performance or ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school. (Education Code 48900(r))

Bullying shall include any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation, as defined in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 and below in items #1-3 of "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.

Electronic act means the creation or transmission of a communication originated on or off school site, including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, image, or post on a social network Internet web site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. A post on a social network Internet web site shall include, but is not limited to, the posting or creation of a burn page or the creation of a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above. (Education Code 48900(r))

Reasonable student means a student, including, but not limited to, a student who has been identified as a student with a disability, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his/her age, or for a person of his/her age with his/her disability. (Education Code 48900(r))

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

18. Aided or abetted the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person, as defined in Penal Code 31 (Education Code 48900(t))

19. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property (Education Code 48900.7)

A terrorist threat includes any written or oral statement by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death or great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of \$1,000, with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out. (Education Code 48900.7)

Additional grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12

Any student in grades 4-12 may be suspended, but not expelled, for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (Education Code 48900(k))

A student in grades 4 -12 shall be subject to suspension or recommendation for expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

1. Committed sexual harassment as defined in Education Code 212.5 (Education Code 48900.2)

Sexual harassment means conduct which, when considered from the perspective of a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim, is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. (Education Code 212.5, 48900.2)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

2. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence as defined in Education Code 233 (Education Code 48900.3)

Hate violence means any act punishable under Penal Code 422.6, 422.7, or 422.75. Such acts include injuring or intimidating another person, interfering with the exercise of a person's civil rights, or damaging a person's property because of the person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation. (Education Code 233, Penal Code 422.55)

(cf. 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior)

3. Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against district personnel or students that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading student rights by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. (Education Code 48900.4)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

A student may be suspended or expelled for any of the acts listed above if the act is related to school activity or school attendance occurring at any district school under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent or principal or within any other school district, including but not limited to the following circumstances: (Education Code 48900)

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus
4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

The Superintendent or principal may use his or her discretion to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion that are age appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil's specific misbehavior as specified in Section 48900.5. (Education Code 48900(v))

Alternatives to suspension or expulsion will be used with students who are truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from assigned school activities.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

Suspension from Class by a Teacher

A teacher may suspend any student, including a grade K-3 student, from his/her class for the remainder of the day and the following day for disruption, willful defiance, or any of the other acts specified in Education Code 48900 and listed as items #1-18 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above. (Education Code 48910)

A teacher may also refer a student to the principal or designee for consideration of suspension from school. (Education Code 48910)

When suspending a student from class, the teacher shall immediately report this action to the principal or designee and send the student to the principal or designee for appropriate action. The student shall be appropriately supervised during the class periods from which he/she has been suspended. (Education Code 48910)

As soon as possible, the teacher may ask the student's parent/guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. A counselor or psychologist should attend the conference if it is practicable, and a school administrator may attend if either the parent/guardian or teacher so requests. (Education Code 48910)

A student suspended from class shall not be returned to class during the period of the suspension without the approval of the teacher of the class and the principal or designee. (Education Code 48910)

A student suspended from class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of suspension. However, if a student is assigned to more than one class per day, he/she may be placed in any other regular classes except those held at the same time as the class from which the student was suspended. (Education Code 48910)

The Superintendent, principal or principal's designee may suspend a student from a school for not more than five consecutive school days unless the suspension is extended pending expulsion. (Education Code 48911)

A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year, unless for purposes of adjustment a student enrolls in or is transferred to another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class, in which case suspension shall not exceed 30 days in any school year. However, this restriction on the number of days of suspension does not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48903, 48911, 48912)

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may count suspensions that occur while a student is enrolled in another school district toward the maximum number of days for which the student may be suspended in any school year. (Education Code 48903)

Due Process Procedures for Suspension

Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

1. **Informal Conference:** Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the principal, designee or the Superintendent with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and the evidence against him/her; the student shall be given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense. (Education Code 48911(b))

This conference may be omitted if the principal, designee or the Superintendent determines that an emergency situation exists. An "emergency situation" involves a clear and present danger to the lives, safety or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of a conference. The conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives his/her right to it or is physically unable to attend for any reason. In such case, the conference shall be held as soon as the student is physically able to return to school. (Education Code 48911(e))

2. **Administrative Actions:** All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee of the school in which the student is enrolled at the time of the misbehavior. A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48911)
3. **Notice to Parents/Guardians:** At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the

suspension. (Education Code 48911)

This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. (Education Code 48900.8).

In addition, the notice may state the date and time when the student may return to school. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may add that state law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay.

4. Parent/Guardian Conference: Whenever a student is suspended, school officials may meet with the parent/guardian to discuss the causes and duration of the suspension, the school policy involved and any other pertinent matter. (Education Code 48914)

While the parent/guardian is required to respond without delay to a request for a conference about a student's behavior, no penalties may be imposed on the student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied readmission solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend. (Education Code 48911)

5. Extension of Suspension: If the Board is considering the expulsion of a suspended student from any school or the suspension of a student for the balance of the semester from continuation school, the Superintendent or designee may, in writing, extend the suspension until such time as the Board has made a decision. (Education Code 48911)
 - a. The extension of the original period of suspension shall be preceded by notice of such extension with an offer to hold a conference concerning the extension, giving the student an opportunity to be heard. This conference may be held in conjunction with a meeting requested by the student or parent/guardian to challenge the original suspension.
 - b. Extension of the suspension may be made only if the Superintendent or designee determines, following a meeting in which the student and the student's parent/guardian were invited to participate, that the student's presence at the school or at an alternative school would endanger persons or property or threaten to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48911)
 - c. If the student involved is a foster youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for foster youth of the need to invite the student's attorney and a representative of the appropriate county child welfare agency to attend the meeting. (Education Code 48853.5, 48911, 48918.1)
 - d. If the student involved is a homeless child or youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for homeless students. (Education Code 48918.1)

In lieu of or in addition to suspending a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee may provide services or require the student to participate in an alternative disciplinary program designed to correct his/her behavior and keep him/her in school.

Suspension by the Board

The Board may suspend a student for any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above and within the limits specified in "Suspension by Superintendent, Principal or Principal's Designee" above. (Education Code 48912)

The Board may suspend a student enrolled in a continuation school or class for a period not longer than the remainder of the semester for a violation of #1-18 of the "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12." The suspension shall meet the requirements of Education Code 48915. (Education Code 48912.5)

When the Board is considering a suspension, disciplinary action, or any other action (except expulsion) against any student, it shall hold closed sessions if a public hearing would lead to disclosure of information violating a student's right to privacy under Education Code 49073-49079. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

(cf. - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The Board shall provide the student and his/her parent/guardian with written notice of the closed session by certified mail. Upon receiving this notice, the student or parent/guardian may request a public meeting, and this request shall be granted if made in writing within 48 hours after receipt of the Board's notice. However, any discussion that conflicts with any other student's right to privacy still shall be held in closed session. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

On-Campus Suspension

A student for whom an expulsion action has not been initiated and who poses no imminent danger or threat to the school, students, or staff may be assigned to on-campus suspension in a separate classroom, building, or site for the entire period of suspension. The following conditions shall apply: (Education Code 48911.1)

1. The on-campus suspension classroom shall be staffed in accordance with law.
2. The student shall have access to appropriate counseling services.
3. The on-campus suspension classroom shall promote completion of schoolwork and tests missed by the student during the suspension.
4. The student shall be responsible for contacting his/her teacher(s) to receive assignments to be completed in the supervised suspension classroom. The teacher(s) shall provide all assignments and tests that the student will miss while suspended. If no such work is assigned, the person supervising the suspension classroom shall assign schoolwork.

At the time a student is assigned to an on-campus suspension classroom, the principal or

designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in person or by telephone. When the assignment is for longer than one class period, this notification may be made in writing. (Education Code 48911.1)

Superintendent or Principal's Authority to Recommend Expulsion

A student may be expelled only by the Board. The Board shall expel, as required by law, any student found to have committed certain offenses listed below under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion."

The Board may also order a student expelled for specific enumerated acts listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion; Grades K-12" upon recommendation by the principal, Superintendent, hearing officer or administrative panel, based on finding either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct
2. That due to the nature of the act, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others

Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion

Unless the principal, Superintendent or designee finds that expulsion is inappropriate due to particular circumstances, the principal, Superintendent or designee shall recommend a student's expulsion for any of the following acts: (Education Code 48915)

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense
2. Possession of any knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g), explosive or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, except for the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis
4. Robbery or extortion
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee

In determining whether or not to recommend the expulsion of a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall act as quickly as possible to ensure that the student does not lose instructional time. (Education Code 48915)

Student's Right to Expulsion Hearing

Any student recommended for expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the principal or Superintendent or designee determines that one of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" has occurred. (Education Code 48918(a))

The student is entitled to one postponement of an expulsion hearing for a period of not more than 30 calendar days. The request for postponement shall be in writing. Any subsequent postponement may be granted at the Board's discretion. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical during the school year to comply with these time requirements for conducting an expulsion hearing, the Superintendent or designee may, for good cause, extend the time period by an additional five school days. Reasons for the extension shall be included as part of the record when the expulsion hearing is held. (Education Code 48918 (a))

If the Board finds it impractical to comply with the time requirements of the expulsion hearing due to a summer recess of Board meetings of more than two weeks, the days during the recess shall not be counted as school days. The days not counted during the recess may not exceed 20 school days, as defined in Education Code 48925. Unless the student requests in writing that the expulsion hearing be postponed, the hearing shall be held not later than 20 calendar days prior to the first day of the next school year. (Education Code 48918(a))

Once the hearing starts, all matters shall be pursued with reasonable diligence and concluded without unnecessary delay. (Education Code 48918(a))

Stipulated Expulsion

After a determination that a student has committed an expellable offense, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall offer the student and his/her parent/guardian the option to waive a hearing and stipulate to the expulsion or to a suspension of the expulsion under certain conditions. The offer shall be made only after the student or his/her parent/guardian has been given written notice of the expulsion hearing pursuant to Education Code 48918.

The stipulation agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian. The stipulation agreement shall include notice of all the rights that the student is waiving, including the waiving of his/her right to have a full hearing, to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education, and to consult legal counsel.

A stipulated expulsion agreed to by the student and his/her parent/guardian shall be effective upon approval by the Board.

Rights of Complaining Witness

An expulsion hearing involving allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery may be postponed for one school day in order to accommodate the special physical, mental or emotional needs of a student who is the complaining witness. (Education Code 48918.5)

Whenever the Superintendent or designee recommends an expulsion hearing that addresses allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery, he/she shall give the complaining witness a copy of the district's suspension and expulsion policy and regulation and shall advise the witness of his/her right to: (Education Code 48918.5)

1. Receive five days' notice of his/her scheduled testimony at the hearing
2. Have up to two adult support persons of his/her choosing present in the hearing at the time he/she testifies
3. Have a closed hearing during the time he/she testifies

Whenever any allegation of sexual assault or sexual battery is made, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately advise complaining witnesses and accused students to refrain from personal or telephone contact with each other during the time when an expulsion process is pending. (Education Code 48918.5)

Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing

Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall include: (Education Code 48900.8, 48918(b))

1. The date and place of the hearing
2. A statement of the specific facts, charges and offense upon which the proposed expulsion is based
3. A copy of district disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1, to provide information about the student's status in the district to any other district in which the student seeks enrollment. This obligation applies when a student is expelled for acts other than those described in Education Code 48915(a).

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or to employ and be represented by counsel

Legal counsel means an attorney or lawyer who is admitted to the practice of law in California and is an active member of the State Bar of California.

Nonattorney advisor means an individual who is not an attorney or lawyer, but who is familiar with the facts of the case, and has been selected by the student or student's parent/guardian to

provide assistance at the hearing.

6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing.
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing.
8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf, including witnesses.

Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth and Homeless Students

At least 10 days prior to a hearing to determine if a student who is a foster youth or homeless should be expelled for an offense not requiring a mandatory recommendation for expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's attorney, a representative of an appropriate county child welfare agency, and to the district liaison for homeless students. If the hearing is pursuant to an offense requiring a mandatory expulsion recommendation, the superintendent or designee may provide the same notification. The notice shall be provided by the most cost-effective method possible, including by email or a telephone call. (Education Code 48918.1)

Conduct of Expulsion Hearing

1. Closed Session: Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code 54953 and Education Code 35145, the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting. If such request is made, the meeting shall be public unless another student's privacy rights would be violated. (Education Code 48918)

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session to deliberate and determine whether or not the student should be expelled. If the Board admits any other person to this closed session, the parent/guardian, the student, and the counsel of the student shall also be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code 48918(c))

If a hearing that involves a charge of sexual assault or sexual battery is to be conducted in public, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in closed session when testifying in public would threaten serious psychological harm to the witness and when there are no alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm, including but not limited to videotaped deposition or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing room by closed-circuit television. (Education Code 48918(c))

2. Record of Hearing: A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made. (Education Code 48918(g))
3. Subpoenas: Before commencing a student expulsion hearing, the Board may issue subpoenas, at the request of either the student or the Superintendent or designee, for the

personal appearance at the hearing of any person who actually witnessed the action that gave rise to the recommendation for expulsion. After the hearing has commenced, the Board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may issue such subpoenas at the request of the student or the County Superintendent of Schools or designee. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1985.2 and enforced in accordance with Government Code 11455.20 (formerly 11525). (Education Code 48918(i))

Any objection raised by the student or the Superintendent or designee to the issuance of subpoenas may be considered by the Board in closed session, or in open session if so requested by the Student, before the meeting. The Board's decision in response to such an objection shall be final and binding. (Education Code 48918(i))

If the Board determines, or if the hearing officer or administrative panel finds and submits to the Board, that a witness would be subject to unreasonable risk of harm by testifying at the hearing, a subpoena shall not be issued to compel the personal attendance of that witness at the hearing. However, that witness may be compelled to testify by means of a sworn declaration as described in item #4 below. (Education Code 48918(i))

4. Presentation of Evidence: While technical rules of evidence do not apply to expulsion hearings, evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The decision of the Board to expel must be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion; Grades K-12" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above. (Education Code 48918(h))

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. While no finding shall be based solely on hearsay, sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses whose disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm. (Education Code 48918(f))

In cases where a search of a student's person or property has occurred, evidence describing the reasonableness of the search shall be included in the hearing record.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

5. Testimony by Complaining Witnesses: The following procedures shall be observed when hearings involve allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code 48918, 48918.5)
 - a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify.
 - b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including but not limited to a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during his/her testimony.

- c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential.
 - d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person whom he/she finds is disrupting the hearing.
 - e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted according to Penal Code 868.5.
 - f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard. Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.
 - g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a non-threatening environment.
- (1) The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony.
 - (2) At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he/she may leave the hearing room.
 - (3) The person conducting the hearing may:
 - (a) Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness
 - (b) Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours
 - (c) Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand
6. **Decision Within 40 School Days:** The Board's decision as to whether to expel a student shall be made within 40 school days after the student is removed from his/her school of attendance, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed.

(Education Code 48918(a))

Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or Administrative Panel

Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the Board may contract with the county hearing officer or with the Office of Administrative Hearings of the State of California for a hearing officer. Alternatively, the Board may appoint an impartial administrative panel composed of three or more certificated personnel, none of whom shall be members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. (Education Code 48918)

A hearing conducted by the hearing officer or administrative panel shall conform to the same procedures as apply to a hearing conducted by the Board as specified above in "Conduct of Expulsion Hearing." (Education Code 48918(a) and (d))

The hearing officer or administrative panel shall, within three school days after the hearing, determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If expulsion is not recommended, the student shall be immediately reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made, unless another placement is requested in writing by the student's parent/guardian. Before the student's placement decision is made by his/her parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the parent/guardian and district staff, including the student's teachers, regarding other placement options for the student in addition to the option to return to the classroom instructional program from which the student's expulsion referral was made. The decision to not recommend expulsion shall be final. (Education Code 48918(e))

If expulsion is recommended, findings of fact in support of the recommendation shall be prepared and submitted to the Board. All findings of fact and recommendations shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The Board may accept the recommendation based either upon a review of the findings of fact and recommendations submitted or upon the results of any supplementary hearing the Board may order. (Education Code 48918(f))

In accordance with Board policy, the hearing officer or administrative panel may recommend that the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion. If the hearing officer or administrative panel recommends that the Board expel a student but suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall not be reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made until the Board has ruled on the recommendation. (Education Code 48917, 48918)

Final Action by the Board

Whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in closed or public session by the Board, a hearing officer, or an administrative panel, the final action to expel shall be taken by the Board at a public meeting. (Education Code 48918(j))

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

The Board's decision is final. If the Board conducts the hearing and reaches a decision not to expel, this decision shall be final and the student shall be reinstated immediately. If the decision is to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall be reinstated under the conditions of the suspended expulsion.

Upon ordering an expulsion, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to a school within the district. For a student expelled for an act listed under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion" above, this date shall be one year from the date the expulsion occurred, except that the Board may set an earlier date on a case-by-case basis. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. If an expulsion is ordered during the summer session, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission not later than the last day of the semester following the summer session or intersession period in which the expulsion occurred. (Education Code 48916)

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, which may include: (Education Code 48916)

1. Periodic review as well as assessment of the student at the time of review for readmission.
2. Recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service and other rehabilitative programs.

With parental consent, students who have been expelled for reasons relating to controlled substances or alcohol may be required to enroll in a county-sponsored drug rehabilitation program before returning to school. (Education Code 48916.5)

Written Notice to Expel

The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of the decision to expel to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:

1. The specific offense committed by the student for any of the causes for suspension or expulsion listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K- 12" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" (Education Code 48900.8)
2. The fact that a description of readmission procedures will be made available to the student and his/her parent/guardian (Education Code 48916)
3. Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education (Education Code 48918)

4. Notice of the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the time of expulsion (Education Code 48918)
5. Notice of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1 (Education Code 48918)

Decision to Suspend Expulsion Order

In accordance with Board policy, when deciding whether to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion, the Board shall take into account the following criteria:

1. The student's pattern of behavior
2. The seriousness of the misconduct
3. The student's attitude toward the misconduct and his/her willingness to follow a rehabilitation program.

The suspension of the expulsion order shall be governed by the following: (Education Code 48917)

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation. This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program.
2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status.
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct.
4. When the suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order.
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school. Upon rein-statement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings.
6. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with the County Board of

Education. (Education Code 48917)

7. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian. The notice shall also inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education, the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the period of expulsion, and the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of his/her status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1(b). (Education Code 48918(j)).

Appeal

The student or parent/guardian is entitled to file an appeal of the Board's decision to the County Board of Education. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the Board's decision to expel, even if the expulsion action is suspended and the student is placed on probation. (Education Code 48919)

The student shall submit a written request for a copy of the written transcripts and supporting documents from the district simultaneously with the filing of the notice of appeal with the County Board of Education. The district shall provide the student with these documents within 10 school days following the student's written request. (Education Code 48919)

Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities

Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts of assault which may have violated Penal Code 245. (Education Code 48902)

The principal or designee also shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts which may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or of a controlled substance. In addition, law enforcement authorities shall be notified regarding any acts by students regarding the possession, sale, or furnishing of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons in violation of Education Code 48915(c)(1) or (5) or Penal Code 626.9 and 626.10. (Education Code 48902)

Within one school day after a student's suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities, by telephone or other appropriate means, of any student acts which may violate Education Code 48900(c) or (d), relating to the possession, use, offering, or sale of controlled substances, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind. (Education Code 48902)

Post-Expulsion Placements

The Board shall refer expelled students to a program of study that is: (Education Code 48915, 48915.01)

1. Appropriately prepared to accommodate students who exhibit discipline problems
2. Not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior or senior high school or at any elementary school, unless the program is offered at a community day school established at such a site school.
3. Not housed at the school site attended by the student at the time of suspension

(cf. - Community Day School)

When the placement described above is not available, and when the County Superintendent of Schools so certifies, students expelled for acts described in items #6-12 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and items #1-3 under "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above may be instead referred to a program of study that is provided at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or at an elementary school. (Education Code 48915)

The program for a student expelled from any of grades K-6 shall not be combined or merged with programs offered to students in any of grades 7-12. (Education Code 48916.1)

Readmission After Expulsion

Prior to the date set by the Board for the student's readmission:

1. On the date set by the Board when it ordered the expulsion, a written request for readmission shall be submitted by the parent/guardian to the Superintendent or designee. The district shall consider readmission of the student. (Education Code 48916)
2. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board his/her recommendation regarding readmission. The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session if information would be disclosed in violation of Education Code 49073-49079. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or adult student, it shall be honored.
4. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission.
5. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student has not satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or that the student continues to pose a danger to

campus safety or to other district students or employees. (Education Code 48916)

6. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school. (Education Code 48916)
7. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program. This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district. (Education Code 48916)

No student shall be denied readmission into the district based solely on the student's arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other such contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code 48645.5)

Maintenance of Records

The district shall maintain a record of each suspension and expulsion, including the specific cause(s). Expulsion records shall be maintained in the student's mandatory interim record and sent to any school in which the student subsequently enrolls, within five days of a written request by the admitting school. (Education Code 48900.8, 48918(k))

The Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days, honor any other district's request for information about an expulsion from this district. (Education Code 48915.1)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Outcome Data

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the following data and report such data annually to the California Department of Education, using forms supplied by the California Department of Education: (Education Code 48900.8, 48916.1)

1. The number of students recommended for expulsion
2. The specific grounds for each recommended expulsion
3. Whether the student was subsequently expelled
4. Whether the expulsion order was suspended
5. The type of referral made after the expulsion

6. The disposition of the student after the end of the expulsion period

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Students

The Governing Board desires to provide district students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. The Board shall develop rules and regulations setting the standards of behavior expected of district students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion. When these policies and standards are violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from regular classroom instruction.

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be only those specified in law, in this policy, and in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Suspended or expelled students shall be excluded from all school-related extracurricular activities during the suspension or expulsion.

Except when otherwise permitted by law, a student may be suspended or expelled only when his/her behavior is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within any district school or another school district, regardless of when it occurs, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48900(s))

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus
4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

District staff shall enforce the rules concerning suspension and expulsion of students fairly, consistently, equally, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

Appropriate Use of Suspension Authority

Except when a student's act violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e), as listed in items #1-5 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" of the accompanying administrative regulation, or when his/her presence causes a danger to others, suspension shall be used only

when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6)

A student's parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible when there is an escalating pattern of misbehavior that could lead to on-campus or off-campus suspension.

No student may be suspended for disruption or willful defiance, except by a teacher pursuant to Education Code 48910. (Education Code 48900)

Students shall not be suspended or expelled for truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

On-Campus Suspension

To ensure the proper supervision and ongoing learning of students who are suspended for any of the reasons enumerated in Education Code 48900 and 48900.2, but who pose no imminent danger or threat to anyone at school and for whom expulsion proceedings have not been initiated, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a supervised suspension program which meets the requirements of law.

Except where a supervised suspension is permitted by law for a student's first offense, supervised suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5)

Authority to Expel

A student may be expelled only by the Board. (Education Code 48918(j))

As required by law, the Superintendent or principal shall recommend expulsion and the Board shall expel any student found to have committed any of the following "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds: (Education Code 48915)

1. Possessing a firearm which is not an imitation firearm, as verified by a certificated employee, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

2. Selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm
3. Brandishing a knife at another person

4. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
5. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
6. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

For all other violations listed in the accompanying administrative regulation under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," the Superintendent or principal shall have the discretion to recommend expulsion of a student. If expulsion is recommended, the Board shall order the student expelled only if it makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct
2. That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others

A vote to expel a student shall be taken in a public session.

The Board may vote to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order pursuant to the requirements of law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48917)

No student shall be expelled for disruption or willful defiance. (Education Code 48900)

Due Process

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and/or expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices, hearings, and appeals as specified in administrative regulation and law. (Education Code 48911, 48915, 48915.5, 48918)

Required Parental Attendance

The Board believes that parental involvement plays an important role in the resolution of classroom behavior problems. The Board expects that teachers will communicate with parents/guardians when behavior problems arise.

Whenever a student is suspended from a class because he/she committed an obscene act, engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied valid staff authority, the teacher of the class from which the student was suspended may require the student's parent/guardian to attend a portion of a school day in that class. After completing the classroom visit and before leaving school premises, the parent/guardian also shall meet with the principal or designee. (Education Code 48900.1)

The teacher shall apply this policy uniformly to all students within the classroom. This policy shall apply only to a parent/guardian who lives with the student. (Education Code 48900.1)

Parental attendance may be requested on the day the student returns to class or within one week thereafter. The principal or designee shall send a notice to the parent or guardian stating that attendance is required. The principal or designee shall contact any parents/guardians who do not respond to the request to attend school. The Board recognizes that parental compliance with this policy may be delayed, modified or prevented for reasons such as serious illness/injury/disability, absence from town, or inability to get certain release time from work.

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