

North Orange County Regional Occupational Program

Policy

ROP BP 5144.1(a)

Students

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS

The Governing Board has established policies and standards of behavior in order to promote learning and protect the safety and well being of all students. When these policies and standards are violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from regular classroom instruction.

Except where suspension for a first offense is warranted in accordance with law, suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct.

Expulsion is an action taken by the Board for severe or prolonged breaches of discipline by a student. Except for single acts of a grave nature, expulsion is used only when there is a history of misconduct; when other forms of discipline, including suspension, have failed to bring about proper conduct; or when the student's presence causes a continuing or imminent danger to him/herself or others.

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending, and/or implementing suspension and/or expulsion shall be specified in administrative regulation.

Student Due Process

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices and appeals as specified in administrative regulation and law.

Required Parental Attendance for Minor Students

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

Whenever a student is removed from a class because he/she has committed an obscene act, engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupted activities, or otherwise willfully defied valid staff authority, the instructor of the class from which the student was removed may require that the student's parent/guardian attend a portion of that class.

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The Board encourages instructors, before requiring parental attendance, to make reasonable efforts to have the parent/guardian visit the class voluntarily. Instructors should reserve the option of required parental attendance for cases in which they have determined that it is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the student and the parent/guardian and to improve classroom behavior.

The instructor 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.

Parental attendance may be requested on the day the student returns to class or within one week thereafter. The instructional administrator or designee shall contact any parents/guardians who do not respond to the request to attend class. 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 release time from work.

Decision not to Enforce Expulsion Order

On a case-by-case basis, the enforcement of an expulsion order may be suspended by the Board pursuant to the requirements of law.

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