Board Governance Policy Cross Reference: 1, 2, 3, 14

Legal Reference: The Public Schools Act (Manitoba); The Public Schools Amendment Act (Appropriate Educational Programming) S.M. 2004, proclaimed October 28, 2005; Appropriate Educational Programming Regulation 155/2005; Provincial Code of Conduct (2013); Appropriate Disciplinary Consequences in Schools Regulation 92/2013.

Further Information: Standards for Appropriate Educational Programming in Manitoba 2023

Administrative Procedure Cross Reference: 1.A.30 Code of Conduct; 1.B.185 Student ICT Use; 1.B.20 Alcohol / Cannabis / Other Drugs

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- 1. Manitoba school divisions are responsible for developing policy on student discipline and ensuring parents and students know and understand the policy.
- 2. For some students, the approach to discipline will need to consider the students' special learning needs and abilities, including whether:
 - a. The student was able to access the information;
 - b. The student could understand the policy or rules; and/or
 - c. The disciplinary actions used for the majority of students are appropriate for the student.

3. Principals are required:

- To take into consideration a students' state of development, ability to comply and the amount of support required when determining an appropriate response for students whose needs affect their behaviour;
- b. To contact parents by telephone as soon as practical regarding a student's behaviour that is a serious violation of the code of conduct and will result in the student being sent home;
- c. To discuss with the student the reasons for being sent home, the expectations during this time, and the date and time of the re-entry meeting;
- d. To send the suspension letter to parent(s)/guardian(s) within a day of the suspension, including the date and time of the re-entry meeting, to which parent(s)/guardian(s) are expected to attend with their child;
- e. To hold a re-entry meeting which should include the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and appropriate staff at the school and division; and
- f. To direct staff to develop a student specific plan for students whose attendance at school has been suspended more than two times during a school year.

4. Evergreen School Division will:

- a. Provide reasonable accommodation for students when disciplining a student and will take into consideration the student's state of development, ability to comply and the amount of support required;
- Communicate the policy on discipline to school division staff, parent(s)/guardian(s), and students at the beginning of each school year or upon the registration or enrollment of new students during the year;
- c. Require schools to keep records on the nature and duration of all suspensions, both inschool and out-of-school;
- d. Provide all students with the same minimum number of hours of instruction, and notify in writing and involve the parent(s)/guardian(s) if there is a change in school hours that is intended to be disciplinary (written notification can be a formal letter or email and should include a plan and timeframe for a return to full time hours);
- e. Offer and arrange alternative programming for students who are suspended for more than five days; and
- f. Offer and arrange alternative programming for students under the age of 18 who are expelled.