

## MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

**Student Expulsion**

The Board of Directors retains the sole statutory responsibility and authority to expel students. After proper investigation and due process, the Board may expel a student in order to maintain a positive school climate and to ensure the successful delivery of its educational programs.

A student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school must be expelled from school for a period of not less than one year, except that the Board of Directors may authorize the superintendent to modify the requirement for expulsion of a student on a case-by-case basis.

In other cases, a student may be considered for expulsion if he/she demonstrates the type of misconduct that warrants disciplinary consequences to a degree beyond those addressed in the Student Suspension policy.

Upon becoming aware of the alleged student misconduct, the principal shall immediately assess the situation and initiate the investigative process. In investigating a student with disabilities, the principal shall comply with all applicable state and federal special education laws that govern such investigations and removals. After a thorough and proper investigation where the conclusion warrants consideration of expulsion, the superintendent shall schedule an expulsion hearing and notify the student and the student's parents (guardians) of the hearing and of their rights.

The expulsion hearing shall be held in executive session, unless the student being investigated requests, in writing, that the hearing be held in open session. Upon returning to open session, the Board shall take appropriate action as warranted by the facts presented.

If the student is expelled, the expulsion shall be for an indefinite period of time. The superintendent shall work with the student to establish specific criteria that the student will be required to meet in order to receive a recommendation from the superintendent that he/she is ready to be re-admitted to school.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001 et. Seq.  
17-A MRSA § 2 sub § 9, 12a

Cross Reference: JKD Student Suspension  
JICI Dangerous Weapons in Schools

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