

**District:** Tupelo Public School District

**Section:** J - Students

**Policy Code:** JDE - Expulsion

## EXPULSION

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner suitable to their age and grade. Students disobedient or disruptive of the educational process are subject to corrective discipline, including expulsion. Expulsion is defined as a revocation of the right to attend school in the district for cause. A long-term suspension is a suspension of more than ten days. A principal or the superintendent may recommend expulsion or long-term suspension of a student and shall provide the student's parent notice and the opportunity to be heard (as set forth in policy JIA) prior to the commencement of the suspension. Students who are recommended for expulsion or a long-term suspension by a district Disciplinary Committee will be informed of their rights to an appeal. At the conclusion of the disciplinary hearing, the hearing officer will inform both the student and parent or legal guardian of the decision of the District Disciplinary Committee. A letter will also be mailed informing the student and parent of the rights to an appeal.

Suspension or expulsion of students with disabilities must comply with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The district is not required to refer for special education assessment and evaluation a regular education student who has been suspended for violation of school rules and district policy to determine if such a student might have a disability. A suspended regular education student is not entitled to reinstatement to classroom and campus privileges pending any assessment and evaluation which is to be made during the term of the student's suspension.

A student who has been expelled from the Tupelo Public School District, or any other school or school district, may apply for readmission or admission to the educational programs of the district. If the expulsion was for a specified period of time, the student may apply for readmission two weeks prior to the conclusion of the expulsion period. If the expulsion was for an unspecified period of time, application for readmission may be made after one year from the effective date of expulsion. **Upon completion of the expulsion period by a student, the Board, or designee of the Board, may grant readmission or admission**

~~Upon completion of the expulsion period by a student, the Board, or designee of the Board, may grant readmission or admission. Readmission will be based upon documented evidence that clearly demonstrates that the expelled student has successfully participated in a rehabilitation program including, but not limited to, progress in an alternative school or similar program.~~

If the student offense involves threat of harm to self or others or threat of destruction of property, an outside evaluation by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist will be required before such hearing will take place. The evaluation must include a statement of whether or not the student, in the opinion of the examiner, is a threat to self, to others, or to property. Upon their readmission to school, the Board, or designee of the Board, reserves the right to assigned students that have been expelled to any school or program within the district.

~~LEGAL REF.: Prevention of School Violence Act (1994);~~

~~————— MCA §37-7-301, §37-11-18, §37-11-29, §37-9-71,~~

~~————— Goss v. Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)~~