

# Parkrose School District 3

Code: JGE  
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## EXPULSION

A principal, after reviewing available information, may recommend to the superintendent that a student be expelled. Expulsion of a student shall not extend beyond one calendar year. In cases involving drugs and/or alcohol, the principal may offer to reduce the recommended penalty, or the superintendent or hearing officer may offer to hold in abeyance some part of the expulsion period if the student participates in a drug/alcohol screening within 24 hours and an assessment within one week, at a cost to the parent, and the parent and student agree to participate in any recommended treatment or follow-up. Screening and assessment results, as well as evidence of participation in recommended treatment, will be submitted to the building principal. A list of appropriate agencies shall be made available upon request to the parents. If a student who elects to participate later does not follow through with recommended treatment, the full period of expulsion, as originally determined to be warranted, may be imposed.

No student may be expelled without a hearing unless the student's parents, or the student, if 18 years of age, waive the right to a hearing, either in writing or by failure to appear at a scheduled hearing. By waiving the right to a hearing, the student and parent agree to abide by the findings of a hearings officer.

When an expulsion hearing is not waived, the following procedure is required:

1. Notice will be given to the student and the parent by personal service or by certified mail at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing. Notice will include: (1) the specific charge or charges; (2) the conduct constituting the alleged violation, including the nature of the evidence of the violation; (3) a recommendation for expulsion; (4) the student's right to a hearing; (5) when and where the hearing will take place; and (6) the right to representation;
2. The superintendent or designee will act as hearings officer. The district may contract with an individual who is not employed by the district to serve as the hearings officer. The hearings officer will conduct the hearing and will not be associated with the initial actions of the building administrators;
3. In case the parent or student has difficulty understanding the English language or has other serious communication disabilities, the district will provide a translator;
4. The student will be permitted to have a representative present at the hearing to advise and to present arguments. The representative may be an attorney or parent. In the event said student will be represented by an attorney, the district must receive at least 48 hours notice. A notification of representation could result in rescheduling the original hearing date. The district's attorney may be present;
5. The student will be afforded the right to present his/her version of the charges and to introduce evidence by testimony, writings or other exhibits;

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6. The student will be permitted to be present and to hear the evidence presented by the district;
7. The hearings officer will determine the facts of each case on the evidence presented at the hearing. Evidence may include the relevant past history and student education records. The Hearings Officer's decision will be communicated to the student within five days of the hearing. Findings of fact and the Officer's decision will be placed in a secure file in the Board Secretary's Office for Board Member review;
8. The hearings officer or the student may make a record of the hearing;
9. The hearings officer's decision is final. However, this decision may be appealed to the Board. At its next regular or special meeting the Board will review the hearings officer's decision and will affirm, modify or reverse the decision. Parents of students who wish to appeal the hearings officer's decision will have the opportunity to be heard at the time the Board reviews the decision;
10. Expulsion hearings will be conducted in private and Board review of the hearings officer's decision will be conducted in executive session unless the student or the student's parent requests a public hearing. If an executive session is held by the Board or a private hearing by the hearings officer, the following will not be made public:
  - a. The name of the minor student;
  - b. The issues involved;
  - c. The discussion;
  - d. The vote of Board members; which may be taken in executive session.

Prior to expulsion, the district must propose alternative programs of instruction or instruction combined with counseling to a student subject to expulsion for reasons other than a weapons policy violation. The district must document to the parent of the student that proposals of alternative education programs have been made.

END OF POLICY "JGE"

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### Legal References:

[ORS 192.660](#)  
[ORS 332.061](#)  
[ORS 336.615 – 336.665](#)  
[ORS 339.115](#)  
[ORS 339.240](#)  
[ORS 339.250](#)  
[ORS 339.260](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0050](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0070](#)