

BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual
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Section: PUPILS
Title: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION
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232. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- .1 The Board recognizes that exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student in this district, and one that cannot be imposed without due process.
- .2 Exclusions may result from such offenses as excessive tardiness or unexcused absence, smoking, use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, striking school employees or other students, vandalism, persistent refusal to comply with school rules and regulations. This shall not be assumed to be an inclusive listing; and the administration shall be empowered to develop appropriate rules to implement and amplify this policy.
- .3 Exclusion from school may be effected by temporary suspension, full suspension, or expulsion.
 - .31 Temporary suspension shall mean exclusion from school for a period of up to three (3) school days, by the Principal, without a hearing.
 - .32 Full suspension shall mean exclusion from school for a period of up to ten (10) school days, after an informal hearing before the Principal, is offered to the student and the student’s parents.
 - .33 Expulsion shall mean exclusion from school for a period exceeding ten (10) school days, after a formal hearing before the Board, or a committee of the Board.
- .4 No student may receive a temporary suspension unless the student has been informed of the reasons for the suspension and has been given an opportunity to respond before the suspension becomes effective.

- .5 The maximum period a student may be suspended for an offense shall not exceed ten (10) school days. A temporary suspension may be followed by a full suspension for the same offense, provided that the ten (10) school days limitation is not exceeded. Temporary or full suspensions may not be cumulated or made to run consecutively beyond this ten (10) school day limitation.
- .6 During the period prior to the temporary suspension, the full suspension, or the hearing and decision of the Board in an expulsion case, the student may be placed in his/her normal class, or in an alternative assignment.
- .7 Students shall be permitted to make up exams and work missed while being disciplined by temporary or full suspensions, within guidelines established by the administration.
- .8 If, when expulsion proceedings are initiated, it is determined, after an informal hearing, that a student's presence in his/her normal class would constitute a threat to the health, safety, morals or welfare of others, and it is not possible to hold a formal hearing within the period of suspension, the student may be excluded from school for more than ten (10) school days, provided the formal hearing is not unreasonably delayed. Any student so excluded shall be provided with alternative instruction arranged by the administration.
- .9 The student under 17 years of age who is expelled has forfeited his/her right to an education in the schools of this district, but has not been excused from compliance with the compulsory attendance statutes. The Superintendent, or designee, shall assist the parents of such a student in placing the student in an appropriate alternative program.