

STUDENTS

Suspensions or Expulsions

The nature and circumstances of the student conduct violation must reasonably warrant a suspension or expulsion. No student shall be suspended or expelled unless other forms of corrective action or punishment reasonably calculated to modify his/her conduct have failed or unless there is good reason to believe that other forms of corrective action or punishment would fail if employed. As per RCW 28A.225.330 and WAC 180-87-100, letters of suspension and expulsion shall be permanently placed in the student's cumulative file. No students shall be long-term suspended or expelled because of one or more unexcused absences.

After suspending or expelling a student, the school will make reasonable efforts to return the student to the student's regular educational setting as soon as possible and allow the student to petition for readmission at any time.

Before administering any suspension or expulsion, the school must consider the student's individual circumstances and the nature and circumstances of the behavioral violation to determine whether the suspension or expulsion, and the length of the exclusion, is warranted.

If a student wishes admission to another school, he/she shall submit the written application to the superintendent. The application shall include:

1. Reasons the student wants to return and why the request should be considered.
2. New evidence which supports the request.
3. A supporting statement from the parent/guardian or others who are able to provide assurances that the behavior leading to the suspension/expulsion has been corrected.

The school district must provide an opportunity for students to receive educational services during a suspension or expulsion under WAC 392-400-610

The school must convene a meeting with the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) within (20) twenty days of the long-term suspension or expulsion, but no later than (5) five days before the student's enrollment, to discuss a plan to re-engage the student in a school program.

Absences and tardiness. The school may not suspend or expel a student from school for absences or tardiness.

Access to school district property. When administering a suspension or expulsion, the school may deny a student admission to, or entry upon, real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the district.

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Legal References:	RCW	9A.46.120	Criminal Gang Intimidation
		9.41.280	Possessing Dangerous Weapons on School Facilities—Penalty—Exceptions
		13.04.155	Notification to School Principal of Conviction, Adjudication, or Diversion Agreement—Provision of Information to Teachers and Other Personnel—Confidentiality
		28A.600.015	Expulsions and Suspensions—Rules Incorporating Due Process—Short-term and Long-term Suspensions—Emergency Expulsions—Discretionary Discipline
		28A.600.420	Firearms on School Premises, Transportation, or Facilities
		28A.600.455	Gang activity—Suspension or Expulsion
		28A.635.060	Defacing or Injuring School Property—Liability of Pupil, Parent, or Guardian— Withholding Grades, Diploma, or Transcripts—Suspension and Restitution—Voluntary Work Program as Alternative—Rights Protected
	WAC	392-400-430	Suspensions and Expulsions
		392-400-435	Short-Term and In-School Suspensions
		392-400-440	Long-Term Suspensions
		392-400-445	Emergency Expulsion
		392-400-610	Educational Services during Suspension, Expulsion, or Emergency Expulsion

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