

## **STUDENT SUSPENSION/EXPULSION**

Serious breaches of standards of behavior may result in suspensions or expulsions from school. As per statute, the board of education/building principal(s) have the authority to suspend or expel students.

Generally, a suspension or expulsion may be imposed when a student's behavior creates a threat to his/her own or others' safety. Behavior such as fighting or committing an assault on another, stealing, vandalism, possessing weapons, explosives, or other prohibited materials, gross insubordination, making false alarms or bomb threats, lewd or threatening behavior or language, or possession of beer or other alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or controlled substances as defined by statute on the school premises or at school activities may result in suspension or expulsion.

Students who are guilty of continued serious misconduct which interferes with the opportunity of other students to carry on their learning activities, may be recommended to the board of education for expulsion from school.

Due process procedures as established by statute/board policy will be followed for all students who receive suspension or expulsion.

Suspension/expulsion of a student who has been placed on an individual education plan (IEP) will have been specified in the student's plan.