



EASTERN SHORES

SCHOOL BOARD

Educational Policy

ES-161

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Corporal Punishment

All means of corporal punishment are deemed to be outmoded. Schools are advised that these methods of punishment are not acceptable within the schools under the jurisdiction of the Eastern Shores School Board.

Suspensions

Suspension, at the discretion of the Designated Authority, may be used as an alternative form of discipline.

A student may be suspended for a period of up to five (5) days by the Designated Authority when he or she does not comply with school regulations. In exceptional circumstances, the Director General of the School Board may authorize suspensions of more than five (5) days.

The Designated Authority of the school, or his or her delegate, must notify the parents of the suspension immediately by telephone, if possible, followed by a written notice by registered mail.

Copies of the letter will be placed in the student's file and sent to the Director General of the School Board and to the Commissioner who represents the area in which the student lives.

Readmittance must be carried out for all students between the ages of 6 and 16 years of age.

An interview time should be established for a parent/guardian at the school **BEFORE** the student is readmitted.

The reasons for withdrawal must be recorded and reported in the event that a student of school age decides to withdraw as a result of a suspension.

The school's Designated Authority or delegate must mobilize all available resources to investigate cases of students of compulsory school age (6-16) who do not return to school following a suspension.

Expulsion

Expulsion may only be carried out by resolution of the School Board.

The Designated Authority must provide a complete dossier of the facts to the Director General prior to expulsion. The dossier must indicate resources used and action taken with the student's parents in an attempt to rectify the situation.

A full and justifiable case for expulsion must be prepared. Parents or guardians will be notified of the Board's decision by registered mail. Expulsion will normally be for the remainder of the current school year. Readmittance requires the recommendation of the Designated Authority to the Director General, together with the conditions for readmittance.

Consultation

Please note that the school discipline policy is one of the items that the Designated Authority must submit to the Governing Board and the School Council for consultation.