Alternative Probation Program

In the event a school principal recommends a student for expulsion and makes the additional recommendation that if expelled the student be placed on probation and such probation has been approved by the Superintendent or designee this policy shall be followed:

1. The school principal shall notify the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) of the expulsion recommendations, the availability of alternative probation and shall set up a conference with the principal, student and parent(s) or guardian(s). Such conference shall be held as soon as possible but no later than ten (10) school days after the cause of the expulsion recommendation.

   Both the student and the school district may have an attorney present at the conference, but no other persons shall be present. All reference to school principal shall include his or her designate.

2. After explanation of the expulsion charge and the alternative probation program, if the student does not contest the expulsion charge and desires the alternative probation program the student, the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) and principal shall sign an agreement which shall in substance provide:
   a. That the student does not contest the expulsion charge;
   b. The term of probation; and
   c. A waiver of notice and hearing on the expulsion charge in the event probation is found to be broken.

3. In the event the student does not wish to enter the alternative probation program, or fails to attend the conference, then a notice of expulsion shall be sent as provided in Board Policy 7:210.

4. In the event the student successfully completes the probation period, all records of the recommended expulsion and alternative probation shall be immediately removed from the student’s records.

5. In the event the student violates a term of the Alternative Probation Program or commits a suspendable or expellable offense, probation may be terminated. The parents or guardians of a student whose probation is terminated shall be notified in writing and the right to a hearing and review shall be given in compliance with the rules relating to suspension.

6. If probation is terminated, the Board may expel the student for the balance of the probation period on the basis of the signed agreement described in paragraph two above. No notice or hearing as provided in Board Policy 7:210 shall be required to expel the student.

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