

Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities

PROCEDURE

Procedure #: 02-WLS-ALL-0155 (AD) Subject: Suspension or Expulsion

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Definitions:

- 1. Emergency Suspension - In an emergency, the Superintendent or his/her designee may remove the student if the student poses a continuing danger to him/herself or others.
2. Suspension - if a student repeatedly demonstrates inappropriate behavior which is not directly attributed to the handicapping condition the Superintendent or his/her designee, may request that suspension proceedings be initiated by the LEA.
3. Expulsion - a change in placement through interdisciplinary team process with LEA and in accordance with due process.

1. If a student persists in undesirable behavior that cannot be controlled through alternative disciplinary measure and threatens the staff and students' safety, the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities has no other recourse but temporary suspension or alternative placement.

2. In an emergency, the Superintendent or his/her designee may remove a child from curricular or extracurricular activities or the premises if the student poses a continuing danger to him/herself or others.

3. Emergency suspensions should occur no more than ten days total in any program year. Any accumulation of ten days of suspension shall be considered expulsion and constitutes a change of placement which necessitates and IEP review for determination of a more appropriate educational or habilitative program.

4. Such removals shall be reported immediately thereafter to the parent and the LEA with a written incident report to be prepared by the end of the workday. A copy of the incident report shall be forwarded within 24 hours to LEA.

5. Emergency suspension may be a planned component of a behavior support plan, when the plan has been written following the County Board's Behavior Support Guidelines and as been approved.

6. If a student repeatedly demonstrates inappropriate behavior which is not directly attributed to the child's handicapping condition, the Superintendent or designee may request that suspension proceedings be initiated by the LEA. The Superintendent or designee shall forward to the school district such written reports and other records as are necessary. County Board personnel shall be released from regular position responsibilities in order to participate in any hearings or review conference committees at the invitation of the LEA.

7. The Board has no authority to expel any student under 22 years of age placed by a local education agency in Special Education placement and can only be considered appropriate when an interdisciplinary team recommends placement into some other program component.

- References: 1. Ohio Department of DD Rules and Regulations 5123:2-1-05.
2. Ohio Department of Education - Rules for Special Education
3. Wood County Board DD Behavior Support Guidelines