



Student Suspension and Expulsion

Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 recognizes that, while students ideally would be in regular attendance at school, there are times when for the growth experience of the student, or for the safety of others, a student may have to be suspended or ultimately expelled.

Student suspension or expulsion shall be applicable for violation of provisions of the School Act or violation of district or school policies on student behaviour and school conduct

- 1. where other means of corrective action have failed to bring about appropriate conduct on the part of the student, or*
- 2. where a student’s behaviour is so severe that lesser corrective action would be insufficient.*

The following principles are to be followed for the reporting, investigation and disposition of all cases of suspension which could involve a recommendation for expulsion:

- 1. procedural fairness be followed, including the right to be heard and the right to an unbiased decision.*
- 2. appropriate timelines be followed; that is, such cases must be dealt with within a ten-day time frame as specified in the School Act.*

Definitions:

The **board delegate** is defined as that person to whom the board has delegated its authority to act on its behalf in matters pertaining to expulsions, namely the superintendent, or the School Operations Services principals.

Expulsion means to remove a student from

- one or more courses or education programs,
- one or more schools,
- riding a school bus, or
- participating in an activity sponsored or approved by a school or the district


for a period of more than 10 school days in accordance with the *School Act* Section 19.

Suspension means to remove a student for a specified period of time, from one or more of the following:

- one or more class periods, courses or education programs;
- school;
- riding in the school bus; or
- participating in an activity sponsored or approved by the school

for a period of 10 school days or less in accordance with the *School Act* Section 19.

Form: *Suspension Sample Letter*

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