

# HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

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## 219.1. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Board recognizes that exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student in this district and one that cannot be imposed without due process. The Board shall define and publish the types of offenses that would lead to expulsion from school. Exclusions affecting students with disabilities shall be governed by applicable state and federal law and regulations.

1. Purpose  
Title 22  
Sec. 12.6, 14.143  
34 CFR  
Part 300
2. Authority  
SC 1318  
Title 22  
Sec. 12.6, 12.8

The Board may, after a proper hearing, suspend a student for such time as it deems necessary or may permanently expel a student.

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3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1318 Title 22 Sec. 12.6	<p>The Superintendent or a principal may suspend for a maximum of ten (10) days any pupil because of any reasons hereinafter identified. Any principal who suspends a pupil shall promptly notify the Superintendent. In a situation requiring action beyond that of the principal or the Superintendent, the case shall be brought to the attention of the Board. The Board may, after a proper hearing, expel such pupil for the length of time deemed appropriate. Such hearing may be delegated to a duly authorized committee of the Board which shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action to the full Board. Disciplinary action, based upon such hearing, shall be taken by the Board.</p>
4. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.6, 12.7, 12.8	<p>The Board, in compliance with Pennsylvania School Code Title 22 "Education," Chapter 12, Students Regulations and Guidelines on Student Rights and Responsibilities, hereby identifies the following as the type of behavioral infractions which may lead to temporary suspension, full suspension, or expulsion. This list is not intended to be all inclusive but, rather, representative of the type of infractions which could result in the aforesaid disciplinary actions.</p>
	<p>An individual willingly or voluntarily involved in an infraction may be subject to any or all of the penalties assigned to other individuals involved in the infraction or to any or all of the penalties appropriate for the infraction, regardless of the individual's degree or extent of involvement.</p>
	<p>Acts that may warrant suspension and/or expulsion include, but are not limited to the following:</p>
Pol. 204	1. Repeated unexcused/unlawful absence.
	2. Leaving school without permission and/or failure to report to assigned class.
Pol. 222	3. Smoking.
Pol. 227	4. Possessing, distributing, using or selling alcoholic beverages.
Pol. 227	5. Possessing, distributing, using or selling illegal drugs or related paraphernalia.
Pol. 227	6. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
Pol. 218	7. Conduct which leads to or causes a major disturbance.
	8. Profanity.
	9. Defying school personnel.
Pol. 218	10. Willful damage, vandalism or misuse of school property.

	11. Willful damage, vandalism or misuse of property belonging to school personnel or to other students.
	12. Physical altercations with other students or school personnel.
Pol. 248	13. Assaulting, threatening, or harassing students and/or school personnel.
Pol. 233	14. Terroristic threats (as defined in School Board policy #233).
SC 1318	15. Stealing.
	16. Any other infractions or combination of infractions identified in the most recent publication of each building's Parent/Student handbook as subjecting the offender to suspension or expulsion.
	17. A series of infractions which, when considered together, are indicative of incorrigibility or serious misconduct.
Pol. 218.2	18. Weapons (as defined in School Board policy #218.2).
Pol. 227	<p>The possession, use, distribution or sale of "look-alike" drugs, such as caffeine, which are noncontrolled substances but which are, in their finished form, packaged in a container which, or the labeling of which, bears markings or printed material similar to that accompanying or containing a specific controlled substance, or which are represented, implied, or thought by involved parties to be controlled substances, shall be treated as an infraction in the same way as possession, use, distribution or sale of the controlled substance would be treated. Other factors which will be considered include whether the noncontrolled substance is packaged in a manner ordinarily used for the illegal delivery of a controlled substance, and the consideration tendered in exchange for the noncontrolled substance in relation to its actual chemical composition value and the value of the controlled substance it physically resembles.</p> <p>This policy applies to infractions that occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In school.</li><li>2. En route to and from school.</li><li>3. At any events directly sponsored by the school district (whether on or off school grounds).</li></ol>

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5. On any school district property.

If any part of the above policy is found to be in violation or conflict with State or Federal laws and regulations, it shall not affect the validity of the other sections of this policy.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1318

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8, 14.143

Local Agency Law – 2 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 101 et seq.

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300

Board Policy – 204, 218, 218.2, 222, 227, 233, 248

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