

**ACTION ITEM**

**Date:** September 21, 2020

**To:** Kari Cremascoli, PhD

**From:** Heather Glowacki, EdD, Assistant Superintendent

**Subject:** *Second and Final Reading of Board of Education Policies 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedures; 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery; and 7:190 Student Behavior*

**PROPOSED ACTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

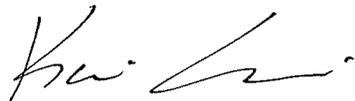
Motion to approve as second and final reading of Board of Education Policies 2:220 *Board of Education Meeting Procedures*; 2:265 *Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures*; 4:180 *Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery*; 5:20 *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*; and 7:190 *Student Behavior*.

**BACKGROUND**

This policy review includes revisions to policies 2:20 *Board of Education Meeting Procedures*, 4:180 *Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery*, and 7:190 *Student Behavior* focus on the current health pandemic and necessary policy revisions and adoptions. Board Policy 4:180 is a new policy proposed for consideration as a result of our current situation.

These policies have been updated since the first reading at the August 24 Board of Education meeting.

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Recommended for approval by the Board of Education



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**Dr. Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent**

## **Board of Education**

### **Board of Education Meeting Procedure**

#### **Agenda**

The Board of Education President is responsible for focusing the Board meeting agendas on appropriate content. The Superintendent shall prepare agendas in consultation with the Board President. Each Board meeting agenda shall contain the general subject matter of any item that will be the subject of final action at the meeting. The President shall designate a portion of the agenda as a consent agenda for those items that usually do not require discussion or explanation before Board of Education action. Upon the request of any Board member, an item will be withdrawn from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for independent consideration.

Items submitted by Board of Education members to the Superintendent or the President by no later than the third business day prior to the scheduled meeting shall be placed on the agenda for an upcoming meeting. District residents may suggest inclusions for the agenda. Items not specifically on the agenda may still be discussed during the meeting; no action will be taken on such items at that meeting.

The Superintendent shall provide a copy of the agenda, with adequate data and background information, to each Board of Education member at least 48 hours before each meeting, except a meeting held in the event of an emergency. The meeting agenda shall be posted in accordance with Board policy 2:200, *Types of Board of Education Meetings*.

The Board President shall determine the order of business at regular Board of Education meetings. Upon consent of a majority of members present, the order of business at any meeting may be changed.

#### **Voting Method**

Unless otherwise provided by law, when a vote is taken upon any measure before the Board of Education, with a quorum being present, a majority of the votes cast shall determine its outcome. A vote of "abstain" or "present," or a vote other than "yea" or "nay," or a failure to vote, however, is counted for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. A vote of "abstain" or "present," or a vote other than "yea" or "nay," or a failure to vote, however, is not counted in determining whether a measure has been passed by the Board, unless otherwise stated in law. The sequence for casting votes is rotated after each vote.

On all questions involving the expenditure of money and on all questions involving the closing of a meeting to the public, a roll call vote shall be taken and entered in the Board's minutes. The Board President or any two (2) Board members may request that a roll call vote be taken and entered on any other matter; the President or other presiding officer may approve or deny the request but a denial is subject to being overturned by a majority vote of the members present. Any Board member may request that **his/her the member's** vote be changed, if such request is made prior to consideration of the next order of business.

## **Minutes**

The Board Secretary shall keep written minutes of all Board Meetings (whether open or closed), which shall be signed by the President and Secretary. The minutes include:

1. The meeting's date, time and place;
2. Members of the Board of Education recorded as either present or absent;
3. A summary of the discussion on all matters proposed, deliberated, or decided, and a record of any votes taken;
4. On all matters requiring a roll call vote, a record of who voted yea and nay,
5. If the meetings is adjourned to another date, the time and place of the adjourned meeting;
6. The vote of each member present when a vote is taken to hold a closed meeting or portion of a meeting, and the reason for the closed meeting with a citation to the specific exception contained in the Open Meetings Act authorizing the closed meeting;
7. A record of all motions, including individuals making and seconding motions;
8. Upon request by a member of the Board, a record of how ~~he or she~~ the member voted on a particular motion; and
9. The type of meeting, including any notices and, if a reconvened meeting, the original meeting's date.

The minutes shall be submitted to the Board for approval or modification at its next regularly scheduled open meeting. Minutes for open meetings must be approved within 30 days after the meeting or at the second subsequent regular meeting, whichever is later.

At least semi-annually in an open meeting, the Board shall: (1) reviews minutes from all closed meetings that are currently unavailable for public release, and (2) decides which, if any, no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. The Board may meet in a prior closed session to review the minutes from closed meetings that are currently unavailable for public release.

The Board's meeting minutes must be submitted to the Board Treasurer at such times as the Treasurer may require.

The official minutes are in the custody of the Board Secretary. Open meeting minutes are available for inspection during regular office hours within 10 days after the Board's approval; they may be inspected in the District's main office, in the presence of the Secretary, the Superintendent or designee, or any Board member. Minutes from closed meetings are likewise available, but only if the Board has released them for public inspection. The minutes shall not be removed from the Superintendent's office except by vote of the Board or by court order.

The Board's open meeting minutes shall be posted on the District website within 10 days after the Board approves them; the minutes will remain posted for at least 60 days.

### **Verbatim Record of Closed Meetings**

The Superintendent, or the Board Secretary when the Superintendent is absent, shall audio record all closed meetings. If neither is present, the Board President or presiding officer shall assume this responsibility. After the closed meeting, the person making the audio recording shall label the recording with the date and store it in a secure location. The Superintendent shall ensure that: (1) an audio recording device and all necessary accompanying items are available to the Board for every closed meeting, and (2) a secure location for storing closed meeting audio recordings is maintained close to the Board's regular meeting location.

~~During the Board's semi-annual meetings to review the closed session minutes, the Board will also review the audio recordings of closed meetings in order to determine whether: (1) there continues to be a need for confidentiality, or (2) the recordings no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. At no time will an audio recording be released that would violate State or federal privacy or confidentiality requirements, including, but not limited to, any matter concerning: (1) a named student, (2) an employee's or applicant's personnel file and personal information, (3) school security plans, (4) communications between the Board and an attorney representing the District, and (5) all information exempted from disclosure under the *Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILC 140/1 et seq.~~

After 24 months have passed since being made, the audio recording of a closed meeting is destroyed provided the Board approved: (1) its destruction, and (2) minutes of the particular closed meeting.

Individual members of the Board may listen to verbatim recordings when that action is germane to their responsibilities. In the interest of encouraging free and open expression by members of the Board during closed meetings, the recordings of closed meetings should not be used by members of the Board to confirm or dispute the accuracy of recollections.

### **Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video Means**

A quorum of the Board must be physically present at all Board meetings. A majority of the full membership of the Board of Education constitutes a quorum.

Provided a quorum is physically present, a Board member may attend a meeting by video or audio conference if ~~he or she~~ the member is prevented from physically attending because of: (1) personal illness or disability, (2) employment or District business, or (3) a family or other emergency. If a member wishes to attend a meeting by video or audio means, ~~he or she~~ the member must notify the recording secretary or Superintendent at least 24 hours before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical. The recording secretary or Superintendent will inform the Board President and make appropriate arrangements. A Board member who attends a meeting by audio or video means, as provided in this policy, may participate in all aspects of the Board meeting including voting on any item.

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### **No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video; Disaster Declaration**

The ability of the Board to meet in person with a quorum physically present at its meeting location may be affected by the Governor or the Director of the Ill. Dept. of Public Health issuing a disaster declaration related to a public health emergency. The Board President or, if the office is vacant or the President is absent or unable to perform the office's duties, the Vice President determines that an in-person meeting or a meeting conducted under the Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video Means subhead above, is not practical or prudent because of the disaster declaration; if neither the President nor Vice President are present or able to perform this determination, the Superintendent shall serve as the duly authorized designee for purposes of making this determination.

The individual who makes this determination for the Board shall put it in writing, include it on the Board's published notice and agenda for the audio or video meeting and in the meeting minutes, and ensure that the Board meets every OMA requirement for the Board to meet by video or audio conference without the physical presence of a quorum.

### **Rules of Order**

Unless State law or Board-adopted rules apply, the Board President, as the presiding officer, will use *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (1011<sup>th</sup> Edition) as a guide when a question arises concerning procedure.

### **Broadcasting and Recording Board Meetings**

Any person may record or broadcast an open Board of Education meeting. Special requests to facilitate recording or broadcasting an open Board meeting, such as seating, writing surfaces, lighting, and access to electrical power, should be directed to the Superintendent at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board members, other meeting participants, or members of the public. The Board President may designate a location for recording equipment, may restrict the movements of individuals who are using recording equipment, or may take such other steps as are deemed necessary to preserve decorum and facilitate the meeting.

**Adopted: October 20, 1997**

**Revised: July 18, 2011; April 25, 2016;**

## Operational Services

### Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery

The Board of Education recognizes that the District will play an essential role along with the local health department and emergency management agencies in protecting the public's health and safety during a pandemic.

A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Pandemics happen when a new virus emerges to infect individuals and, because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it spreads sustainably.

To prepare the School District community for a pandemic, the Superintendent or designee shall: (1) learn and understand how the roles that the federal, state, and local government function; (2) form a pandemic planning team to identify priorities and oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive pandemic school action plan; and (3) build awareness of the final plan among staff, students, and community.

### Emergency School Closing

In the case of a pandemic, the Governor may declare a disaster due to a public health emergency that may affect any decision for an emergency school closing. Decisions for an emergency school closing will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the Governor, Ill. Dept. of Public Health, District's local health department, emergency management agencies, and/or Intermediate Service Center.

During an emergency school closing, the Board President and the Superintendent may, to the extent the emergency situation allows, examine existing Board policies pursuant to Policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, and recommend to the Board for consideration any needed amendments or suspensions to address mandates that the District may not be able to accomplish or implement due to a pandemic.

### Board Meeting Procedure; No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video

A disaster declaration related to a public health emergency may affect the Board's ability to meet in person and generate a quorum of members who are physically present at the location of a meeting. Policy 2:220, *School Board Meeting Procedure*, governs Board meetings by video or audio conference without the physical presence of a quorum.

### Payment of Employee Salaries During Emergency School Closures

The Superintendent shall consult with the Board to determine the extent to which continued payment of salaries and benefits will be made to the District's employees, pursuant to Board policies 3:40, *Superintendent*, 3:50, *Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent*, 5:35, *Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act*, 5:200, *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal*, and 5:270, *Employment At-Will, Compensation*,

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and Assignment, and consistent with: (1) applicable laws, regulations, federal or state or local emergency declarations, executive orders, and agency directives; (2) collective bargaining agreements and any bargaining obligations; and (3) the terms of any grant under which an employee is being paid.

### **Suspension of In-Person Instruction; Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s)**

When the Governor declares a disaster due to a public health emergency pursuant to 20 ILCS 3305/7, and the State Superintendent of Education declares a requirement for the District to use *Remote Learning Days* or *Blended Remote Learning Days*, the Superintendent shall approve and present to the Board for adoption a Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan (Plan) that:

1. Recommends to the Board for consideration any suspensions or amendments to curriculum-related policies to reduce any Board-required graduation or other instructional requirements in excess of minimum curricular requirements specified in School Code that the District may not be able to provide due to the pandemic;
2. Implements the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/10-30; and
3. Ensures a plan for periodic review of and/or amendments to the Plan when needed and/or required by statute, regulation, or state guidance.

**Adopted:**

## Students

### Student Behavior

The goals and objectives of this policy are to provide effective discipline practices that: (1) ensure the safety and dignity of students and staff; (2) maintain a positive, weapons-free, and drug-free learning environment; (3) keep school property and the property of others secure; (4) address the causes of a student's misbehavior and provide opportunities for all individuals involved in an incident to participate in its resolution; and (5) teach students positive behavioral skills to become independent, self-disciplined citizens in the school community and society.

### When and Where Conduct Rules Apply

A student is subject to disciplinary action for engaging in *prohibited student conduct*, as described in the section with that name below, whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to:

1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including, but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

### Prohibited Student Conduct

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience or misconduct including but not limited to:

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine materials, including without limitation, electronic cigarettes, or other similar devices.
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic **beverages substances**. Students who are under the influence of alcohol are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale:
  - a. Any illegal drug, controlled substance, or cannabis (including medical cannabis, marijuana and hashish, not subject to the terms in 3. d. below).
  - b. Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - c. Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.

- d. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician's or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical infused cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law*.
- e. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.
- f. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed, or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in tablet or powdered form.
- g. "Look-alike" or counterfeit drugs, including a substance not containing an illegal drug or controlled substance, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug or controlled substance; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.
- h. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

4. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the "weapons" section of this policy.
5. Using or possessing an electronic paging device.
6. Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), smart watch, or other electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs or make recordings or transmissions in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone. Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the Building Principal, all electronic devices must be kept powered-off and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is consistent with Board policy and District programs permitting use of electronic devices; (c) use of the device is provided in a student's

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individualized education program (IEP); or (d) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.

7. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member's direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
8. Disobeying a reasonable directive from a staff member or school official and/or rules and regulations governing student conduct.
9. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
10. Engaging in hazing or any kind of bullying or aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, (as described in Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*), bullying using a school electronic device or a school network, or other comparable conduct.
11. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning), and sexual assault.
12. Accessing and/or distributing at school any written or electronic material, including material from the Internet, that will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities.
13. Creating and/or distributing written or electronic material, including Internet material and blogs, that causes substantial disruption to school operations or interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.
14. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property.
15. Being absent without a recognized excuse; state law and School Board policy regarding truancy control will be used with chronic and habitual truants.
16. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, by
  - a. being a member,
  - b. promising to join,
  - c. pledging to become a member, or
  - d. soliciting any other person to join, promise to join, or be pledged to become a member.
17. Being involved in gangs or gang-related activities, including the display of gang symbols or paraphernalia.
18. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, and hazing.
19. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not

limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

20. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
21. Teen dating violence, as described in Board policy 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*
22. Entering school property or a school facility without proper authorization.
23. In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (such as calling 911); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus, or at any school activity.
24. Operating an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the Superintendent or designee.
25. Failing or refusing to comply with health/safety protocols implemented due to pandemic conditions or other circumstances that threaten public health or safety, including (but not limited to) requirements relating to face coverings, temperature checks and symptom screening, self-certification, hygiene, and social distancing.
  - a. The Superintendent or designee will notify parents/guardians and students of this policy and the governing procedures and protocols.
  - b. Exceptions and/or accommodations will be made when a face covering (or any other protocol) is medically-contraindicated, provided that parents/guardians supply appropriate and sufficient medical documentation from the student's treating, licensed medical provider and comply with all other procedures relating to the exemption/accommodation process. Alternate health/safety protocols may be required.
  - c. Students who fail or refuse to comply with health/safety protocols as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois State Board of Education, State law, or District procedure will be subject to appropriate discipline including exclusion from school and school-related activities.

For purposes of this policy, the term "possession" includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, regardless of whether or not the item is (a) on the student's person, or (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, automobile, or (c) in a school's student locker, desk, or other school property, or (d) any other location on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports, shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the parent/guardian of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is notified of the incident. The failure to provide such notification does not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for such behavior.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

### **Disciplinary Measures**

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following:

1. Temporary removal from classroom.
2. Notification of parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. Disciplinary conference
4. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of personal property that was used to violate this policy or school disciplinary rules.
5. Withholding of privileges.
6. In-school suspension. The Building Principal or a designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
7. Detention, provided the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) have been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure may be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Building Principal or designee.
8. Out-of-School suspension from school and all school activities in accordance with Board policy 7:200, *Suspension Procedures*, for acts of gross disobedience or misconduct. A student who has been suspended may also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
9. Suspension of bus riding privileges, in accordance with Board Policy 7:220, *Bus Conduct*.
10. Expulsion from school and all school-sponsored activities and events for a definite time period not to exceed 2 calendar years in accordance with Board policy 7:210, *Expulsion Procedures*. A student who has been expelled may also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
11. Notification of juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, including but not limited to, illegal drugs (controlled substances), "look-alikes", alcohol, electronic cigarettes or other similar devices, or weapons or in other

circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

12. After school study or Saturday school, provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure may be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Building Principal or designee.
13. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
14. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhances community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs. The District will not provide transportation. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure, giving the student and/or parent/guardian the choice.
15. Transfer to an alternative program upon written agreement with the student's parent(s), or following a Board of Education hearing, or if the student otherwise qualifies for the transfer under state law. The transfer shall be in the manner provided in Article 13A or 13B of the School Code.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension and expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion.

Corporal punishment shall not be used. Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Certificated personnel are permitted to use reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of property.

### **Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint**

Neither isolated time out, time out, nor physical restraint shall be used to discipline or punish a student. These methods are only authorized for use as permitted in 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33, State Board of Education rules (23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285), and the District's procedure(s).

School staff members shall not physically restrain students other than as permitted in 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33, Illinois State Board of Education rules (23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285), and procedures developed by the Superintendent. Physical restraint shall not be used to discipline or punish a student. Isolated time out shall not be utilized by District staff within in District schools and placements District programs.

### **Weapons**

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school, shall be expelled for at least one calendar year, but no more than 2 calendar years:

1. A firearm, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 921), firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65/), or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (720 ILCS 5/24-1)
2. A knife, brass knuckles, or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including “look alikes” of any firearm as defined above.

The expulsion requirement under either paragraph 1 or 2 above may be modified by the Superintendent and the Superintendent’s determination may be modified by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor, for students in theatre, cooking, martial arts, and similar programs, whether or not school-sponsored, provided the item is not equipped, nor intended, to do bodily harm.

This policy’s prohibitions concerning weapons apply regardless of whether: (1) a student is licensed to carry a concealed firearm, or (2) the Board permits visitors, who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm, to store a firearm in a locked vehicle in a school parking area.

### **Re-Engagement of Returning Students**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a process to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are returning from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or an alternative school setting. The goal of re-engagement shall be to support the student’s ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusionary discipline and shall include the opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit.

### **Required Notices**

A school staff member shall immediately notify the Building Principal in the event that **he or she a staff member** (1) observes any person in possession of a firearm on or around school grounds, however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision, (2) observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or (3) observes a battery committed against any staff member. Upon receiving such a report, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency, State Police, and the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s). School grounds “includes modes of transportation to and from school, school activities and any public way within 1000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

### **Delegation of Authority**

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under **his or her the teacher’s or other school personnel’s** charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, or expulsion, corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers, other certificated employees, and other persons (whether or not certificated) providing a related service for or with respect to a student, may use reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or other persons,

or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property. Teachers may remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, Building Principal or Assistant Building Principal is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers. In addition, provided the appropriate procedures are followed, the Superintendent, Building Principal, Assistant Principal, or Dean of Students may issue in-school suspensions; may issue out-of-school suspensions to students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (including all school functions) for up to 10 consecutive school days; and may suspend students from riding the school bus, for up to 10 consecutive school days, The School Board may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 days for safety reasons.

### **Parent Handbook**

The Superintendent or **his/her** designee, with input from the parent-teacher advisory committee, shall prepare disciplinary rules implementing the District's disciplinary policies. These disciplinary rules shall be presented annually to the Board for its review and approval.

A parent handbook, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parent(s)/guardian(s) within 15 days of the beginning of the school year on a student's enrollment. Administration will establish procedures that provide annual notification to parents about student disciplinary procedures and behavioral expectations in the parent handbook.

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