

REGULATION

Somerset Hills School District

Section: Students

5612. ASSAULTS ON DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES

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A. Definitions

“Removal” means the exclusion of a student from the regular education program in the school in which the student was assigned and assigning the student to an alternative education school or program for at least one calendar year, following a proper hearing conducted by the Board of Education.

“Suspension” means a temporary exclusion from school, following due process procedures as outlined in State law and administrative code.

“Expulsion” means a permanent exclusion from school which denies a student the free, thorough, and efficient public education provided by the public school district in which the student resides, based on specific conditions and following required due process procedures as outlined in State law and administrative code, including a hearing conducted by the Board of Education.

“School grounds” means and includes land, portions of land, structures, buildings, and vehicles, when used for the provision of academic or extracurricular programs sponsored by the school district or community provider and structures that support these buildings, such as school district wastewater treatment facilities, generating facilities, and other central services facilities including, but not limited to, kitchens and maintenance shops. “School grounds” also includes athletic stadiums; swimming pools; any associated structures or related equipment tied to such facilities including, but not limited to, grandstands; greenhouses; garages; facilities used for non-instructional or non-educational purposes; and any structure, building, or facility used solely for school administration. School grounds also includes other facilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2, playgrounds, and recreational places owned by local municipalities, private entities, or other individuals during those times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of such land.

B. Removal of Students for Assault on Board Members and Employees

1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.7, any student who commits an assault, as defined under N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(a)1, not involving the use of a weapon or firearm, upon a teacher, administrator, other school Board employee, or Board of Education member acting in the performance of his or her duties and in a situation where his or her authority to act is apparent, or as a result of the victim's relationship to the school district, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2.1 shall be immediately removed from school.
2. A student, other than a student with a disability, who commits an assault pursuant to B.1. above, shall be immediately removed from school consistent with due process procedures, pending a hearing, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.2 through 7.5.
 - a. Nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.7 shall be construed as prohibiting the expulsion of a general education student.

3. A student with a disability who commits an assault pursuant to B.1. above shall be removed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14.

C. Procedures – Removal of Students for Assault on Board Members and Employees

1. The Principal or designee shall:
 - a. Remove a student as set forth in B. above;
 - b. Isolate the student and place him or her under the supervision of school staff until the student's parent or an appropriate agency takes custody of the student;
 - c. Immediately report to the Superintendent the removal of the student;
 - d. Notify the student's parent of the removal action and the student's due process rights; and
 - e. Notify the appropriate law enforcement official of a possible violation of the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice.

2. The Board of Education shall provide due process proceedings for all students in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.2, 7.3, 7.4, and 7.5 and for a student with a disability in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.7 and 2.8.

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