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**STUDENT DISCIPLINE**  
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392-400-023 Definitions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-023, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-200 Purpose and application. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-200, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-200, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-200, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-40-200, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.132. WSR 82-20-052 (Order 4-82), § 180-40-200, filed 10/1/82; Order 6-77, § 180-40-200, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.

392-400-205 Definitions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-205, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16; WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-205, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-205, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 96-15-098, § 180-40-205, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96. Statutory Authority: 1979 1st ex.s. c 173 and c 201. WSR 79-11-049 (Order 14-79), § 180-40-205, filed 10/16/79; Order 6-77, § 180-40-205, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.

392-400-210 Student responsibilities and duties. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-210, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-210, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-210, filed 6/22/06, effective

- 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-40-210, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90; Order 6-77, § 180-40-210, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.
- 392-400-215 Student rights. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-215, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-215, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.132. WSR 85-04-009 (Order 3-85), § 180-40-215, filed 1/25/85; Order 6-77, § 180-40-215, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.
- 392-400-220 Student disciplinary boards—Establishment at option of school district—Functions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-220, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-220, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06; Order 6-77, § 180-40-220, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.
- 392-400-225 School district rules defining misconduct—Distribution of rules. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-225, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-225, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-40-225, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: 1980 c 171. WSR 80-10-030 (Order 11-80), § 180-40-225, filed 8/4/80; Order 6-77, § 180-40-225, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-226 School district rules defining harassment, intimidation and bullying prevention policies and procedures—Distribution of rules. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.285. WSR 11-04-076, § 392-400-226, filed 1/31/11, effective 3/3/11.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-227 School district rules defining students religious rights. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-227, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-227, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.132. WSR 85-09-049 (Order 6-85), § 180-40-227, filed 4/16/85; WSR 85-04-009 (Order 3-85), § 180-40-227, filed 1/25/85.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.
- 392-400-230 Persons authorized to impose discipline, suspension, or expulsion upon students. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-230, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-230, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-230, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: 1980 c 171. WSR 80-10-030 (Order 11-80), § 180-40-230, filed 8/4/80; Order 6-77, § 180-40-230, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-233 Absences, tardiness, and school meals. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-233, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-233, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-235 Discipline—Conditions and limitations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-235, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-235, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16; WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-235, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-235, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-235, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010. WSR 94-03-102 (Order 3-94), § 180-40-235, filed 1/19/94, effective 2/19/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 93-01-077, § 180-40-235, filed 12/14/92, effective 1/14/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.132. WSR 90-17-004, § 180-40-235, filed 8/2/90, effective 9/2/90; WSR 87-09-040 (Order 6-87), § 180-40-235, filed 4/14/87; Order 6-77, § 180-40-235, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-240 Discipline—Grievance procedure. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-240, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-240, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 96-15-098, § 180-40-240, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96; Order 6-77, § 180-40-240, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-245 Short-term suspension—Conditions and limitations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-245, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16; WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-245, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-245, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-245, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 97-01-047, § 180-40-245, filed 12/12/96, effective 1/12/97. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-40-245, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.132. WSR 85-12-042 (Order 14-85), § 180-40-245, filed 6/5/85. Statutory Authority: 1979 1st ex.s. c 173 and c 201. WSR 79-11-049 (Order 14-79), § 180-40-245, filed 10/16/79; Order 13-77, § 180-40-245, filed 10/18/77; Order 6-77, § 180-40-245, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by

WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-250 Short-term suspension—Prior conference required—Notice to parent. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-250, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-250, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-250, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06; Order 6-77, § 180-40-250, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-255 Short-term suspension—Grievance procedure. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-255, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-255, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 96-15-098, § 180-40-255, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96; Order 6-77, § 180-40-255, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-260 Long-term suspension—Conditions and limitations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-260, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16; WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-260, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-260, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-260, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 97-08-019, § 180-40-260, filed 3/25/97, effective 4/25/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 97-01-047, § 180-40-260, filed 12/12/96, effective 1/12/97. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-40-260, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.132. WSR 85-12-042 (Order 14-85), § 180-40-260, filed 6/5/85. Statutory Authority: 1979 1st ex.s. c 173 and c 201. WSR 79-11-049 (Order 14-79), § 180-40-260, filed 10/16/79; Order 6-77, § 180-40-260, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-265 Long-term suspension—Notice of hearing—Waiver of hearing. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-265, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-265, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06; Order 6-77, § 180-40-265, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-270 Long-term suspension—Prehearing and hearing process. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-270, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-270, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 00-07-018, § 180-40-270, filed 3/3/00, effective 4/3/00; Order 6-77, § 180-40-270, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-275 Expulsion—Conditions and limitations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-275, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16; WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-275, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-275, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-275, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-40-275, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: 1979 1st ex.s. c 173 and c 201. WSR 79-11-049 (Order 14-79), § 180-40-275, filed 10/16/79; Order 6-77, § 180-40-275, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-280 Expulsion—Notice of hearing—Waiver of hearing. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-280, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-280, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06; Order 6-77, § 180-40-280, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-285 Expulsion—Prehearing and hearing process. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-285, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-285, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-285, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 00-07-018, § 180-40-285, filed 3/3/00, effective 4/3/00; Order 6-77, § 180-40-285, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-290 Emergency removal from a class, subject, or activity. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-290, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-290, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06; Order 6-77, § 180-40-290, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.

392-400-295 Emergency expulsion—Limitations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-295, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-295, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-295, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06; Order 6-77, § 180-40-295, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

392-400-300 Emergency expulsion—Notice of hearing—Waiver of hearing right. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-300, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-300, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-300,

filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.132. WSR 86-20-055 (Order 13-86), § 180-40-300, filed 9/29/86; Order 6-77, § 180-40-300, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.

- 392-400-305 Emergency expulsion—Prehearing and hearing process. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-305, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-305, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-305, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 00-07-018, § 180-40-305, filed 3/3/00, effective 4/3/00; Order 6-77, § 180-40-305, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-310 Appeals—Long-term suspension and expulsion. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-310, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-310, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-310, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 97-08-019, § 180-40-310, filed 3/25/97, effective 4/25/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 96-15-098, § 180-40-310, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96; Order 13-77, § 180-40-310, filed 10/18/77; Order 6-77, § 180-40-310, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-315 Appeals—Hearing before school board or disciplinary appeal council—Procedures. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-315, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-315, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 00-07-018, § 180-40-315, filed 3/3/00, effective 4/3/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 96-15-098, § 180-40-315, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96. Statutory Authority: 1979 1st ex.s. c 173 and c 201. WSR 79-11-049 (Order 14-79), § 180-40-315, filed 10/16/79; Order 6-77, § 180-40-315, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-317 Appeals—Discipline and short-term suspension grievances. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160. WSR 07-04-048, § 392-400-317, filed 1/31/07, effective 3/3/07. Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-317, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 96-15-098, § 180-40-317, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-320 School board or disciplinary appeal council decisions. [Statutory Authority: 2006 c 263. WSR 06-14-009, recodified as § 392-400-320, filed 6/22/06, effective 6/22/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.160 and 1996 c 321. WSR 96-15-098, § 180-40-320, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96; Order 6-77, § 180-40-320, filed 6/2/77, effective 8/1/77.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-325 Statewide definition of excused and unexcused daily absences. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046. WSR 12-17-051, § 392-400-325, filed 8/9/12, effective 9/9/12.] Repealed by WSR 18-11-011, filed 5/3/18, effective 8/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046.
- 392-400-410 Appeal for extension of an expulsion. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-410, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16; WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-410, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14.] Repealed by WSR 19-12-050, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020.
- 392-400-420 Reengagement meetings and plans. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015. WSR 16-18-028, § 392-400-420, filed 8/26/16, effective 9/1/16; WSR 14-15-153, § 392-400-420, filed 7/23/14, effective 8/23/14.] Repealed by WSR 18-16-081, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211.
- 392-400-445 Expulsions—Additional conditions and limitations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-445, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-445, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.] Repealed by WSR 25-13-037, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020.

**WAC 392-400-010 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that school districts in Washington:

(1) Provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students;

(2) Provide due process to students;

(3) Implement culturally responsive discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures that provide opportunity for all students to achieve personal and academic success;

(4) Engage school personnel, students, parents, families, and the community in decisions related to the development and implementation

of discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures;

(5) Ensure fairness and equity in the administration of discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline;

(6) Administer discretionary discipline in ways that respond to the needs and strengths of students, support students in meeting behavioral expectations, and keep students in the classroom to the maximum extent possible;

(7) Provide educational services that students need to complete their education without disruption; and

(8) Facilitate collaboration between school personnel, students, and families regarding nondiscretionary discipline to ensure successful reentry into the classroom following a suspension or expulsion.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-010, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-010, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-015 Authority.** The authority for this chapter is RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020, which require the office of superintendent of public instruction to establish rules that prescribe the substantive and procedural due process rights of students served by any program or activity conducted by, or on behalf of, school districts.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-015, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-020 Application.** (1) This chapter establishes the minimum procedural and substantive due process rights of students when they may be subject to discipline in Washington school districts. A school district may establish additional due process protections for students consistent with federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law, and rules prescribed by the office of superintendent of public instruction.

(2) This chapter must be construed in a manner consistent with the following laws and rules:

(a) RCW 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022 and 28A.320.211, regarding the administration of student discipline;

(b) RCW 28A.300.042, regarding the collection, reporting, and disaggregation of student-level discipline data;

(c) Chapter 392-190 WAC, prohibiting unlawful discrimination in Washington public schools, including the requirement under WAC 392-190-048 that school districts annually review disaggregated discipline data to identify and address disproportionality in the administration of discipline on the basis of sex, race, limited-English proficiency (i.e., English learners), and disability, including students protected under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;

(d) WAC 392-172A-05140 through 392-172A-05175, and 34 C.F.R. Part 300.530 through 300.536, regarding the discipline of students with

disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

(e) RCW 28A.415.410, regarding training to support school personnel in implementing discipline policies and procedures and gaining knowledge and skills in cultural competence.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-020, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-020, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-025 Definitions.** As used in this chapter the terms:

(1) "Behavioral violation" means a student's behavior that violates a school district's discipline policy adopted under WAC 392-400-110.

(2) "Classroom exclusion" means the exclusion of a student from a classroom and instructional or activity area for a discretionary behavioral violation that creates a disruption of the educational process in violation of the district disciplinary policies subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-110.

(3) "Corrective action" means disciplinary and nondisciplinary actions taken by a certificated educator. Nondisciplinary actions include evidence-based interventions and support outlined in RCW 28A.410.270, 28A.405.100, and 28A.410.260 to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations. Except in emergency circumstances, the teacher first must attempt one or more alternative forms of corrective action.

(4) "Culturally responsive" has the same meaning as "cultural competency" in RCW 28A.415.443.

(5) "Discretionary discipline" means a disciplinary action taken by a school district for student behavior that violates rules of student conduct adopted by a school district board of directors under RCW 28A.600.015(6). Discretionary discipline does not include evidence-based interventions and support outlined in RCW 28A.410.270, 28A.405.100, and 28A.410.260 to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations.

(6) "Disruption of the educational process" means the interruption of classwork, the creation of disorder, or the invasion of the rights of a student or group of students.

(7) "Emergency removal" means the removal of a student from school because the student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to other students or school personnel, or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process, subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-510 through 392-400-530.

(8) "Expulsion" means a denial of admission to the student's current school placement in response to a behavioral violation, subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-480.

(9) "Length of an academic term" means the total number of school days in a single trimester or semester, as defined by the school board.

(10) "Nondiscretionary discipline" means:

(a) Violations of RCW 28A.600.420;

(b) An offense listed in RCW 13.04.155;

(c) Two or more violations of RCW 9A.46.120, 9.41.280, 28A.600.455, 28A.635.020, or 28A.635.060 within a three-year period; or

(d) Behavior that adversely impacts the health or safety of other students or educational staff. RCW 28A.600.015.

(11) "Parent" has the same meaning as in WAC 392-172A-01125.

(12) "School business day" means any calendar day, except Saturdays, Sundays, or any federal, state, or school holiday, when the office of the superintendent of a school district is open to the public for business.

(13) "School board" means the governing board of directors of a local school district.

(14) "School day" means any day or partial day that students are in attendance at school for instructional purposes.

(15) "Suspension" means a denial of attendance in response to a behavioral violation from any subject or class, or from any full schedule of subjects or classes, but not including expulsions or emergency removals.

(a) "In-school suspension" means a suspension in which a student is excluded from the student's regular educational setting but remains in the student's current school placement for up to 10 consecutive school days, subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-475.

(b) "Long-term suspension" means a suspension in which a student is excluded from school for more than 10 consecutive school days, subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-475.

(c) "Short-term suspension" means a suspension in which a student is excluded from school for up to 10 consecutive school days, subject to the requirements in WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-475.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-025, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-025, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

## DISCIPLINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**WAC 392-400-110 Discipline policies and procedures—Development, review, and distribution.** (1) **School district policies and procedures.** Pursuant to RCW 28A.600.010, a school district must adopt and make available to each pupil, teacher, and parent in the district reasonable written policies and procedures regarding pupil conduct, discipline, and rights, including, but not limited to, classroom exclusions, short-term suspensions, long-term suspensions, emergency removals, and expulsions. The policies and procedures must:

(a) Clearly state the types of behaviors for which discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline, including classroom exclusion, suspension, emergency removal, and expulsion, may be administered;

(b) Have a real and substantial relationship to the lawful maintenance and operation of the school district including, but not limited to, the preservation of the health and safety of students and employees and the preservation of an educational process that is conducive to learning;

- (c) Provide for early involvement of parents in efforts to support students in meeting behavioral expectations;
  - (d) Provide that school personnel make every reasonable attempt to involve parents and students in the resolution of behavioral violations for which discipline may be administered;
  - (e) Ensure the highest consideration is given to the judgment of qualified certificated educators regarding conditions necessary to maintain the optimum learning atmosphere as outlined in: RCW 28A.410.270, 28A.410.278, 28A.405.100, 28A.410.260, and 28A.415.443;
  - (f) Recognize that educators create an environment that welcomes all students and families, recognizing that the school belongs to them and the community. School faculty, staff, and administration highlight and center community expertise for learning partnerships. RCW 28A.410.260 and 28A.415.443;
  - (g) Identify school personnel with the authority to administer classroom exclusions, suspensions, expulsions, and emergency removals;
  - (h) Establish appeal and review procedures related to the administration of suspensions, expulsions, and emergency removals, consistent with WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-530;
  - (i) Establish grievance procedures to address parents' or students' grievances related to the administration of discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline, including discipline that excludes a student from transportation or extra-curricular activity. The procedures must, at a minimum, include an opportunity for the student to share the student's perspective and explanation regarding the behavioral violation;
  - (j) Describe the types of educational services the school district offers to students during a suspension or expulsion and the procedures to be followed for the provision of educational services under WAC 392-400-610;
  - (k) Provide for reengagement meetings and plans, consistent with WAC 392-400-710;
  - (l) Provide a process for students who have been suspended or expelled to petition for readmission; and
  - (m) Be consistent with the model policy developed under RCW 28A.345.090.
- (2) **Development and review.** A school district must develop and periodically review discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures with the participation of school personnel, students, parents, families, and the community. During the development and review of discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures, the school district must use disaggregated data collected under RCW 28A.300.042 to:
- (a) Monitor the impact of the school district's discipline policies, procedures, and practices; and
  - (b) Update the school district's discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures to improve fairness and equity in the administration of discipline.
- (3) **Distribution of policies and procedures.** A school district must make discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures available to families and the community. The school district must annually provide the district's discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures to all district personnel, students, and parents, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The school district must ensure dis-

strict employees and contractors are knowledgeable of the discretionary and nondiscretionary discipline policies and procedures.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-110, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-110, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-115 Completing academic requirements.** A school district may not:

- (1) Suspend the provision of educational services to a student in response to behavioral violations; or
- (2) Administer discipline in a manner that would prevent a student from completing subject, grade-level, or graduation requirements.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-115, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19.]

### **CLASSROOM EXCLUSIONS**

**WAC 392-400-330 Classroom and instructional or activity area exclusions—Conditions and limitations.** (1) **Authority to administer classroom and instructional or activity area exclusions.** Discretionary discipline leading to a classroom exclusion as determined by the school district's written procedures per RCW 28A.600.010 must give the highest consideration to the judgment of qualified certificated educators regarding the conditions necessary to maintain the optimum learning experience.

(2) **Conditions.** A teacher may exclude a student from the teacher's individual classroom and instructional or activity area while the student is under the teacher's immediate supervision, subject to the requirements in RCW 28A.600.460. Except in emergency circumstances, the teacher first must attempt one or more alternative forms of corrective action. A classroom exclusion does not include actions that result in missed instruction when:

(a) A teacher or other school personnel uses evidence-based classroom management practices outlined in RCW 28A.410.270, 28A.405.100, and 28A.410.260 to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations; and

(b) The student remains under the supervision of the teacher or other school personnel consistent with RCW 28A.150.240.

(3) **Duration.**

(a) A classroom exclusion may be administered for all or any portion of the balance of the school day, or up to the following two days, or until the principal or designee and teacher have conferred, whichever occurs first.

(b) A classroom exclusion that exceeds this time period, and if such students have repeatedly disrupted the learning of other students, consistent with RCW 28A.600.460, may be considered a suspension in accordance with this chapter and must provide for early involvement of parents in attempts to improve the student's behavior.

(4) **Removal from school.** A student may not be removed from school during a classroom exclusion unless the school district provides notice and due process for a suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal under this chapter.

(5) The procedures shall assure, pursuant to RCW 28A.400.110, that all staff work cooperatively toward consistent enforcement of proper student behavior throughout each school, as well as within each classroom.

(6) **Assignments and tests.** The school district must provide the student an opportunity to make up any assignments and tests missed during the classroom exclusion.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-330, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-330, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-335 Classroom exclusion—Notice and procedure.**

School boards must ensure they have a policy that determines when a teacher or other school personnel shall report a classroom exclusion to a principal, principal designee, and parent. School district policies under this section must ensure:

(1) The teacher communicates and collaborates with students, families, and all educational partners in an ethical and professional manner to promote student learning. WAC 392-400-110.

(2) Regardless of how the notice is provided to the parents, guardians, or families (electronically, face-to-face), the school district must ensure that this notification is in a language that the parents understand, which may require language assistance for parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(3) When a classroom exclusion occurs, it must be recorded in a manner consistent with RCW 28A.600.460.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-335, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-335, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

**WAC 392-400-430 Suspensions and expulsions—General conditions and limitations.** A school district may administer suspensions and expulsions for behavioral violations, subject to the following requirements:

(1) **Parent involvement.** A school district must:

(a) Provide for early involvement of parents in efforts to support students in meeting behavioral expectations; and

(b) Must make every reasonable attempt to involve the student and parents in the resolution of behavioral violations.

(2) **Considerations.** Before administering any suspension or expulsion, a school district must consider the student's individual circumstances and the nature and circumstances of the behavioral violation to determine whether the suspension or expulsion, and the length of the exclusion, is warranted.

(3) **Opportunity to receive educational services.** A school district must provide an opportunity for students to receive educational services during a suspension or expulsion under WAC 392-400-610.

(4) **Reporting.** The principal or designee must report all suspensions and expulsions, and the behavioral violation that led to each suspension or expulsion, to the school district superintendent or designee within twenty-four hours after the administration of the suspension or expulsion.

(5) **Reentry.** After suspending or expelling a student, a school district must:

(a) Make reasonable efforts to return the student to the student's regular educational setting as soon as possible.

(b) Allow the student to petition for readmission at any time.

(6) **Absences and tardiness.** A school district may not suspend or expel a student from school for absences or tardiness.

(7) **Access to school district property.** When administering a suspension or expulsion, a school district may deny a student admission to, or entry upon, real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the district.

(8) **End date.**

(a) An expulsion or suspension of a student may not be for an indefinite period of time and must have an end date.

(b) If a school district enrolls a student in another program or course of study during a suspension or expulsion, the district may not preclude the student from returning to the student's regular educational setting following the end date of the suspension or expulsion, unless:

(i) The school district superintendent or designee grants a petition to extend a student's expulsion under WAC 392-400-480;

(ii) The student is excluded from the student's regular educational setting in accordance with WAC 392-400-810; or

(iii) The student is otherwise precluded under law from returning to the student's regular educational setting.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and, 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-430, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-430, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-435 Short-term and in-school suspensions—Additional conditions and limitations.** (1) **Length of exclusion.** A school district may not administer a short-term or in-school suspension beyond the school year in which the behavioral violation occurred.

(2) **Grade-level limitations.**

(a) A school district may not administer a short-term or in-school suspension for a student in kindergarten through fourth grade for more than 10 cumulative school days during any academic term; and

(b) A school district may not administer a short-term or in-school suspension for a student in grades five through 12:

(i) For more than 15 cumulative school days during any single semester; or

(ii) For more than 10 cumulative school days during any single trimester.

(3) **School personnel.** When administering an in-school suspension, a school district must ensure school personnel:

(a) Are physically in the same location as the student to provide direct supervision during the duration of the in-school suspension; and

(b) Are accessible to offer support to keep the student current with assignments and course work for all of the student's regular subjects or classes as required under WAC 392-400-610.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-435, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-435, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-440 Long-term suspensions and expulsions—Additional conditions and limitations.** (1) **Limitations on long-term suspensions and expulsions.** A school district may only administer a long-term suspension or expulsion:

(a) For behavioral violations under RCW 28A.600.015 (6)(a) through (d); and

(b) After the school district has determined that, if the student returned to school before completing a long-term suspension or expulsion, the student would pose an imminent danger to students or school personnel.

(2) **Length of exclusion.** Except as provided for under WAC 392-400-480:

(a) A long-term suspension or expulsion may not exceed the length of an academic term.

(b) A school district may not administer a long-term suspension or expulsion beyond the school year in which the behavioral violation occurred.

(3) **Grade-level limitations.** Except for a violation of WAC 392-400-820, a school district may not administer a long-term suspension or expulsion for any student in kindergarten through fourth grade.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-440, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-440, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-440, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-450 Suspensions and expulsions—Initial hearing with student.** (1) **Initial hearing.** Before administering any suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee must conduct an informal initial hearing with the student for the purpose of hearing the student's per-

spective. At the initial hearing, the principal or designee must provide the student:

(a) Notice of the student's violation of the school district's discipline policy adopted under WAC 392-400-110;

(b) An explanation of the evidence regarding the behavioral violation;

(c) An explanation of the discipline that may be administered; and

(d) An opportunity for the student to share the student's perspective and provide explanation regarding the behavioral violation.

(2) **Parent participation.**

(a) **Short-term and in-school suspensions.** At an initial hearing in which the principal or designee is considering administering a short-term or in-school suspension, the principal or designee must provide the student an opportunity for the student to contact the student's parents.

(b) **Long-term suspensions and expulsions.** At an initial hearing in which the principal or designee is considering administering a long-term suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee must make a reasonable attempt to contact the student's parents to provide an opportunity for the parents to participate in the initial hearing in person or by telephone.

(3) **Administrative decision.** Following the initial hearing, the principal or designee must inform the student of the decision regarding the behavioral violation, including the date on which any suspension or expulsion will begin and end.

(4) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that the initial hearing is held in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-450, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-455 Suspensions and expulsions—Notice to student and parents.**

(1) **Initial notice.** Before administering any suspension or expulsion, a school district must attempt to notify the student's parents, as soon as reasonably possible, regarding the behavioral violation.

(2) **Written notice.** No later than one school business day following the initial hearing with the student in WAC 392-400-450, a school district must provide written notice of the suspension or expulsion to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email. The written notice must include:

(a) A description of the student's behavior and how the behavior violated the school district's policy adopted under WAC 392-400-110;

(b) The duration and conditions of the suspension or expulsion, including the dates on which the suspension or expulsion will begin and end;

(c) An explanation of the district's decision to administer the suspension or expulsion;

(d) The opportunity to receive educational services during the suspension or expulsion under WAC 392-400-610;

(e) The student's and parents' right to an informal conference with the principal or designee under WAC 392-400-460;

(f) The student's and parents' right to appeal the suspension or expulsion under WAC 392-400-465, including where and to whom the appeal must be requested; and

(g) For a long-term suspension or expulsion, the opportunity for the student and parents to participate in a reengagement meeting under WAC 392-400-710.

(3) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure the initial and written notices required under this section are provided in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-455, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-455, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-460 Suspensions and expulsions—Optional conference with principal.**

(1) **Requesting a conference.** If the student or parents disagree with the school district's decision to suspend or expel the student, the student or parents may request an informal conference with the principal or designee to resolve the disagreement. The request for an informal conference may be made orally or in writing.

(2) **Time limit.** The principal or designee must hold the conference within three school business days after receiving the request, unless otherwise agreed to by the student and parents.

(3) **Conference.** During the informal conference, the principal or designee must provide the student and parents the opportunity to:

(a) Share the student's perspective and explanation regarding the behavioral violation; and

(b) Confer with the principal or designee and school personnel involved in the incident that led to the suspension or expulsion.

(4) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure the conference is held in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(5) **Right to appeal.** An informal conference must not limit a student's or parents' right to appeal the suspension or expulsion under WAC 392-400-465, participate in a reengagement meeting under WAC 392-400-710, or petition for readmission.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-460, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-460, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-465 Suspensions and expulsions—Appeal.** (1) **Requesting an appeal.** A student or the parents may appeal a suspension

or expulsion to the school district superintendent or designee orally or in writing.

(2) **Time limit.** A school district may establish a time limit to appeal a suspension or expulsion. Appeal time limits must be no less than five school business days from the date the school district provides the written notice under WAC 392-400-455.

(3) **Short-term and in-school suspensions.**

(a) **Appeal.** The superintendent or designee must provide the student and parents the opportunity to share the student's perspective and explanation regarding the behavioral violation orally or in writing.

(b) **Appeal decision.** The superintendent or designee must deliver a written appeal decision to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within two school business days after receiving the appeal. The written decision must include:

(i) The decision to affirm, reverse, or modify the suspension;

(ii) The duration and conditions of the suspension, including the dates on which the suspension will begin and end;

(iii) The educational services the school district will offer to the student during the suspension under WAC 392-400-610; and

(iv) Notice of the student's and parents' right to request review and reconsideration of the appeal decision under WAC 392-400-470, including where and to whom to make the request.

(4) **Long-term suspensions and expulsions.**

(a) **Notice.** Within one school business day after receiving the appeal request, unless otherwise agreed to by the student and parents, the superintendent or designee must provide the student and parents written notice in person, by mail, or by email of:

(i) The time, date, and location of the appeal hearing;

(ii) The name(s) of the official(s) presiding over the appeal;

(iii) The student's and parents' rights to inspect the student's education records under (e) of this subsection;

(iv) The student's and parents' rights to inspect any documentary or physical evidence and a list of any witnesses that will be introduced at the hearing under (e) of this subsection;

(v) The student's and parents' rights under (f) of this subsection; and

(vi) Whether the school district will offer to hold a reengagement meeting under WAC 392-400-710 before the appeal hearing.

(b) **Reengagement.** Before the appeal hearing, the student, parents, and school district may agree to hold a reengagement meeting and develop a reengagement plan under WAC 392-400-710. The student, parents, and school district may mutually agree to postpone the appeal hearing while participating in the reengagement process.

(c) **Appeal hearing.** The school district must hold an appeal hearing within three school business days from the date the superintendent or designee received the appeal request, unless otherwise agreed to by the student or parents.

(d) **Presiding officials.** The school board may designate the superintendent, a hearing officer, or a discipline appeal council, if established under WAC 392-400-475, to hear and decide appeals under this section. The presiding official(s) may not be involved in the student's behavioral violation or decision to suspend or expel the student and must be knowledgeable about the rules in this chapter and of the school district's discipline policies and procedures.

(e) **Evidence and witnesses.**

(i) Upon request, the student, parents, and school district may inspect any documentary or physical evidence and a list of any witnesses that will be introduced at the appeal hearing. The school district, student, or parents must make the information available as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the end of the school business day before the appeal hearing.

(ii) Upon request, the student and parents may review the student's education records. The district must make the records available as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the end of the school business day before the appeal hearing.

(iii) If a witness for the school district cannot or does not appear at the appeal hearing, the presiding official(s) may excuse the witness's nonappearance if the district establishes that:

(A) The district made a reasonable effort to produce the witness; and

(B) The witness's failure to appear is excused by fear of reprisal or another compelling reason.

(f) **Student and parent rights.** During the appeal hearing, the student and parents have the right to:

(i) Be represented by legal counsel;

(ii) Question witnesses;

(iii) Share the student's perspective and provide explanation regarding the behavioral violation; and

(iv) Introduce relevant documentary, physical, or testimonial evidence.

(g) **Recording of hearing.** The appeal hearing must be recorded by analog, digital, or other type of recording device. The school district must provide the recording to the student or parents upon request.

(h) **Appeal decision.** The presiding official(s) must base the decision solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The presiding official(s) must provide a written decision to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within three school business days after the appeal hearing. The written decision must include:

(i) The findings of fact;

(ii) A determination whether:

(A) The student's behavior violated the school district's discipline policy adopted under WAC 392-400-110;

(B) The behavioral violation reasonably warrants the suspension or expulsion and the length of the suspension or expulsion; and

(C) The suspension or expulsion is affirmed, reversed, or modified;

(iii) The duration and conditions of the suspension or expulsion, including the dates on which the suspension or expulsion will begin and end;

(iv) Notice of the student's and parents' right to request review and reconsideration of the appeal decision under WAC 392-400-470, including where and to whom to make the request; and

(v) Notice of the opportunity to participate in a reengagement meeting under WAC 392-400-710 and the contact information for the person who will coordinate scheduling of the reengagement meeting.

(5) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that the notice, appeal proceedings, and decision are in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(6) **Pending appeal.** If the student or parents request an appeal under this section, the school district may temporarily continue to administer the suspension or expulsion during the appeal period subject to the following requirements:

(a) The school district may temporarily continue to administer the suspension or expulsion for no more than ten consecutive school days from the initial hearing under WAC 392-400-450 or until the appeal is decided, whichever is earlier;

(b) Any days that the student is temporarily suspended or expelled before the appeal is decided must be applied to the term of the student's suspension or expulsion and may not extend the term of the student's suspension or expulsion;

(c) If the student who is temporarily suspended or expelled returns to school before the appeal is decided under this section, the school district must provide the student an opportunity to make up assignments and tests missed during the suspension or expulsion upon the student's return.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-465, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-465, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-470 Suspensions and expulsions—Review and reconsideration.**

(1) **Requesting review.** The student or parents may request that the school board or discipline appeal council, if established under WAC 392-400-475, review and reconsider the school district's appeal decision under WAC 392-400-465. The student or parents may request the review orally or in writing.

(2) **Time limit.** A school district may establish a time limit for parents and students to request a review under this section. The time limit must be no less than ten school business days from the date the school district provides the written appeal decision to the student and parents under WAC 392-400-465.

(3) **Review procedure.**

(a) In reviewing the school district's decision, the school board or discipline appeal council must consider all documentary and physical evidence related to the behavioral violation, any records from the appeal under WAC 392-400-465, relevant state law, and the school district's discipline policy adopted under WAC 392-400-110.

(b) The school board or discipline appeal council may request to meet with the student or parents, the principal, witnesses, or school personnel to hear further arguments and gather additional information.

(c) The decision of the school board or discipline appeal council must be made only by board or council members who were not involved in the behavioral violation, the decision to suspend or expel the student, or the appeal decision under WAC 392-400-465. If the discipline appeal council presided over the appeal under WAC 392-400-465, the decision must be made by the school board.

(4) **Decision.** The school board or discipline appeal council must provide a written decision to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within ten school business days after receiving the request for review and reconsideration. The written decision must identify:

(a) Whether the school board or discipline appeal council affirms, reverses, or modifies the suspension or expulsion;

(b) The duration and conditions of the suspension or expulsion, including the dates on which the suspension or expulsion will begin and end; and

(c) For long-term suspensions or expulsions, notice of the opportunity to participate in a reengagement meeting under WAC 392-400-710.

(5) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that any review proceedings and decision are in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-470, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-475 Discipline appeal council.** A school board may designate a discipline appeal council to hear and decide appeals under WAC 392-400-465 or to review and reconsider the district's appeal decisions under WAC 392-400-470. A discipline appeal council must consist of at least three persons appointed by the school board for fixed terms. All members of the discipline appeal council must be knowledgeable about the rules in this chapter and of the school district's discipline policies and procedures.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-475, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-480 Petition to extend expulsion.** (1) **Petition.** When risk to public health or safety warrants extending a student's expulsion, the principal or designee may petition the school district superintendent or designee for authorization to exceed the academic term limitation on an expulsion. The petition must inform the superintendent or designee of:

(a) The behavioral violation that resulted in the expulsion and the public health or safety concerns;

(b) The student's academic, attendance, and discipline history;

(c) Any nonacademic supports and behavioral services the student was offered or received during the expulsion;

(d) The student's academic progress during the expulsion and the educational services available to the student during the expulsion;

(e) The proposed extended length of the expulsion; and

(f) The student's reengagement plan.

(2) **Time limit.** The principal or designee may petition to extend an expulsion only after the development of a reengagement plan under WAC 392-400-710 and before the end of the expulsion. For violations of WAC 392-400-820, the principal or designee may petition to extend an expulsion at any time.

(3) **Notice.** The school district must provide written notice of the petition to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within one school business day from the date the superintendent or designee received the petition. The written notice must include:

(a) A copy of the petition;

(b) The student's and parents' right to an informal conference with the school district superintendent or designee to be held within five school business days from the date the district provided written notice to the student and parents; and

(c) The student's and parents' right to respond to the petition orally or in writing to the school district superintendent or designee within five school business days from the date the district provided written notice.

(4) **Written decision.** The school district superintendent or designee may grant the petition only if there is substantial evidence that, if the student were to return to the student's previous school of placement after the length of an academic term, the student would pose a risk to public health or safety. The school district superintendent or designee must deliver a written decision to the principal, the student, and the student's parents in person, by mail, or by email within ten school business days after receiving the petition.

(a) If the petition is granted, the written decision must include:

(i) The date on which the extended expulsion will end;

(ii) The reason that, if the student were to return before the initial expulsion end date, the student would pose a risk to public health or safety; and

(iii) Notice of the student's or parents' right to request review and reconsideration of the appeal decision under subsection (5) of this section, including where and to whom to make the request.

(b) If the petition is not granted, the written decision must identify the date on which the expulsion will end.

(5) **Review and reconsideration.**

(a) **Requesting review.** The students or parents may request that the school board or discipline appeal council, if established under WAC 392-400-475, review and reconsider the decision to extend the student's expulsion. The student or parents may request the review orally or in writing.

(b) **Time limit.** A school district may establish a time limit for parents and students to request a review under this subsection. The time limit must be no less than ten school business days from the date the school district superintendent or designee provides the written decision under subsection (4) of this section.

(c) **Review procedure.**

(i) The school board or discipline appeal council may request to meet with the student or parents or the principal to hear further arguments and gather additional information.

(ii) The decision of the school board or discipline appeal council may be made only by board or council members who were not involved in the behavioral violation, the decision to expel the student, or the appeal decision under WAC 392-400-465.

(d) **Decision.** The school board or discipline appeal council must provide a written decision to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within ten school business days after receiving the request for review and reconsideration. The written decision must identify:

(i) Whether the school board or discipline appeal council affirms, reverses, or modifies the decision to extend the student's expulsion; and

(ii) The date on which the extended expulsion will end.

(6) **Duration.** Any extension of an expulsion may not exceed the length of an academic term.

(7) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that any petition proceedings, notices, and decisions are provided in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(8) **Annual reporting.** The school district must annually report the number of petitions approved and denied to the office of superintendent of public instruction.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-480, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

## EMERGENCY REMOVALS

### **WAC 392-400-510 Emergency removals—Conditions and limitations.**

A school district may immediately remove a student from the student's current school placement, subject to the following requirements:

(1) **Sufficient cause.** The school district must have sufficient cause to believe that the student's presence poses:

(a) An immediate and continuing danger to other students or school personnel; or

(b) An immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.

(2) **Determination of immediate and continuing threat of disruption.** For purposes of this section, an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process means:

The student's behavior results in an extreme disruption of the educational process that creates a substantial barrier to learning for other students across the school day.

(3) **Time limit.** An emergency removal may not exceed 10 consecutive school days. An emergency removal must end or be converted to another form of discipline within 10 school days from the start of the emergency removal.

(4) **Conversion.** If a school district converts an emergency removal to a suspension or expulsion, the district must:

(a) Apply any days that the student was emergency removed before the conversion to the total length of the suspension or expulsion; and

(b) Provide the student and parents notice and due process under WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-480.

(5) **Reporting.** All emergency removals, including the reason the student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to other students or school personnel, must be reported to the district superintendent or designee within 24 hours after the start of the emergency removal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-510, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-510, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-510, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-515 Emergency removals—Notice to student and parents.** (1) **Initial notice.** After an emergency removal, the school district must attempt to notify the student's parents, as soon as reasonably possible, regarding the reason the district believes the student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to other students or school personnel, or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.

(2) **Written notice.** Within 24 hours after an emergency removal, a school district must provide written notice of the emergency removal to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email. The written notice must include:

(a) The reason the student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to students or school personnel, or poses an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process;

(b) The duration and conditions of the emergency removal, including the dates on which the emergency removal will begin and end;

(c) The opportunity to receive educational services during the emergency removal under WAC 392-400-610;

(d) The student's and parents' right to an informal conference with the principal or designee under WAC 392-400-520; and

(e) The student's and parents' right to appeal the emergency removal under WAC 392-400-525, including where and to whom the appeal must be requested.

(3) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure the initial and written notices required under this section are provided in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-515, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-515, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-520 Emergency removals—Optional conference with principal.** (1) **Requesting a conference.** If a student or the parents disagree with the school district's decision to administer an emergency removal, the student or parents may request an informal conference with the principal or designee to resolve the disagreement. The request for an informal conference may be made orally or in writing.

(2) **Time limit.** The principal or designee must hold the conference within three school business days after receiving the request, unless otherwise agreed to by the student and parents.

(3) **Conference.** During the informal conference, the principal or designee must provide students and parents the opportunity to share the student's perspective and explanation regarding the events that led to the emergency removal.

(4) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure the conference is held in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(5) **Right to appeal.** An informal conference must not limit a student's or parents' right to appeal the emergency removal under WAC 392-400-525.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-520, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-520, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-525 Emergency removals—Appeal.** (1) **Requesting an appeal.** A student or the parents may appeal an emergency removal to the school district superintendent or designee orally or in writing.

(2) **Time limit.** A school district may establish a time limit to appeal an emergency removal. Appeal time limits must be no less than three school business days from the date the school district provides the written notice of the emergency removal.

(3) **Notice.** Within one school business day after receiving the appeal request, unless otherwise agreed to by the student and parents, the superintendent or designee must provide the student and parents written notice in person, by mail, or by email of:

(a) The time, date, and location of the appeal hearing;

(b) The name(s) of the official(s) presiding over the appeal;

(c) The student's and parents' rights to inspect the student's education records under subsection (6) of this section;

(d) The student's and parents' rights to inspect any documentary or physical evidence and a list of any witnesses that will be introduced at the hearing under subsection (6) of this section; and

(e) The student's and parents' rights under subsection (7) of this section.

(4) **Appeal hearing.** The school district must hold an appeal hearing as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than two school business days after the date the superintendent or designee received the appeal request, unless otherwise agreed to by the student and parents.

(5) **Presiding official(s).** The school board may designate the superintendent, a hearing officer, or a discipline appeal council, if established under WAC 392-400-475, to hear and decide appeals under this section. The presiding official(s) may not be involved in the student's behavioral violation or decision to emergency remove the student and must be knowledgeable about the rules in this chapter and of the school district's discipline policies and procedures.

(6) **Evidence and witnesses.**

(a) Upon request, the student, parents, and school district may inspect any documentary or physical evidence and a list of any witnesses that will be introduced at the appeal hearing. The school district, student, or parents must make the information available as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the end of the school business day before the appeal hearing.

(b) Upon request, the student and parents may review the student's education records. The school district must make the records available as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the end of the school business day before the appeal hearing.

(c) If a witness for the school district cannot or does not appear at the appeal hearing, the presiding official(s) may excuse the witness's nonappearance if the district establishes that:

- (i) The district made a reasonable effort to produce the witness; and
- (ii) The witness's failure to appear is excused by fear of reprisal or another compelling reason.
- (7) **Student and parent rights.** The student and parents have the right to:
- (a) Be represented by legal counsel;
  - (b) Question witnesses;
  - (c) Share the student's perspective and provide explanation regarding the events that led to the emergency removal; and
  - (d) Introduce relevant documentary, physical, or testimonial evidence.
- (8) **Recording of hearing.** The appeal hearing must be recorded by analog, digital, or other type of recording device. The school district must provide the recording to the student or parents upon request.
- (9) **Appeal decision.** The school district must provide a written decision to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within one school business day after the appeal hearing. The written decision must include:
- (a) The findings of fact;
  - (b) A determination whether the student's presence continues to pose:
    - (i) An immediate and continuing danger to students or school personnel; or
    - (ii) An immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.
  - (c) Whether the school district will end the emergency removal or convert the emergency removal to a suspension or expulsion. If the school district converts the emergency removal to a suspension or expulsion, the district must provide the student and parents notice and due process under WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-480; and
  - (d) Notice of the student's and parents' right to request review and reconsideration of the appeal decision under WAC 392-400-530, including where and to whom to make the request.
- (10) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that any appeal proceedings, notices, and decisions are provided in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-525, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-525, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-525, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

**WAC 392-400-530 Emergency removals—Review and reconsideration.**

(1) **Requesting review.** The student or parents may request that the school board or discipline appeal council, if established under WAC 392-400-475, review and reconsider the school district's appeal decision under WAC 392-400-525. The student or parents may request the review orally or in writing.

(2) **Time limit.** A school district may establish a time limit for parents and students to request a review under this section. The time limit must be no less than five school business days from the date the school district provided the written appeal decision to the student and parents under WAC 392-400-525.

(3) **Review procedure.**

(a) In reviewing the school district's decision, the school board or discipline appeal council must consider all documentary and physical evidence related to the events that led to the emergency removal, any records from the appeal under WAC 392-400-525, relevant state law, and the district's discipline policy adopted under WAC 392-400-110.

(b) The school board or discipline appeal council may request to meet with the student or parents, the principal, witnesses, or school personnel to hear further arguments and gather additional information.

(c) The decision of the school board or discipline appeal council must be made only by board or council members who were not involved in the events that led to the emergency removal, the decision to emergency remove the student, or the appeal decision under WAC 392-400-525. If the discipline appeal council presided over the appeal under WAC 392-400-525, the decision must be made by the school board.

(4) **Decision.** The school board or discipline appeal council must provide a written decision to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within five school business days after receiving the request for review and reconsideration. The written decision must identify:

(a) Whether the school board or discipline appeal council affirms or reverses the school district's decision that the student's presence posed:

(i) An immediate and continuing danger to students or school personnel; or

(ii) An immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.

(b) If the emergency removal has not yet ended or been converted, whether the school district will end the emergency removal or convert the emergency removal to a suspension or expulsion. If the school district converts the emergency removal to a suspension or expulsion, the district must provide the student and parents notice and due process under WAC 392-400-430 through 392-400-480.

(5) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that any review proceedings and decision are in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-530, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015 and 28A.600.020. WSR 19-12-050, § 392-400-530, filed 5/31/19, effective 7/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-530, filed 7/30/18, effective 7/1/19.]

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

**WAC 392-400-610 Educational services during suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal. (1) Educational services.**

(a) A school district may not suspend the provision of educational services to a student in response to behavioral violations.

(b) During the suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal of a student, a school district must provide the student the opportunity to receive educational services. The educational services must enable the student to:

(i) Continue to participate in the general education curriculum;

(ii) Meet the educational standards established within the district; and

(iii) Complete subject, grade-level, and graduation requirements.

(c) When providing a student the opportunity to receive educational services under this section, the school district must consider:

(i) Meaningful input from the student, parents, and the student's teachers;

(ii) Whether the student's regular educational services include English language development services, special education, accommodations and related services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or supplemental services designed to support the student's academic achievement; and

(iii) Access to any necessary technology, transportation, or resources the student needs to participate fully in the educational services.

(d) A school district may provide educational services to the student in an alternative setting or modify the suspension or expulsion on a case-by-case basis. An alternative setting should be comparable, equitable, and appropriate to the regular educational services a student would have received without the exclusionary discipline. Example alternative settings include alternative high schools, one-on-one tutoring, and online learning.

(2) **Notice.** As soon as reasonably possible after administering a suspension or expulsion, a school district must provide written notice to the student and parents about the educational services the district will provide. The school district must provide the written notice in person, by mail, or by email. The notice must include:

(a) A description of the educational services that will be provided; and

(b) The name and contact information for the school personnel who can offer support to keep the student current with assignments and course work as required under this section.

(3) **Exclusions for up to five days.** For students subject to suspension or emergency removal for up to five consecutive school days, a school district must provide at least the following:

(a) Course work, including any assigned homework, from all of the student's regular subjects or classes;

(b) Access to school personnel who can offer support to keep the student current with assignments and course work for all of the student's regular subjects or classes; and

(c) An opportunity for the student to make up any assignments and tests missed during the period of suspension or emergency removal.

(4) **Exclusions for six to 10 days.** For students subject to suspension or emergency removal for six to 10 consecutive school days, a school district must provide at least the following:

(a) Course work, including any assigned homework, from all of the student's regular subjects or classes;

(b) Access to school personnel who can offer support to keep the student current with assignments and course work for all of the student's regular subjects or classes. School personnel must make a reasonable attempt to contact the student or parents within three school business days following the start of the suspension or emergency removal and periodically thereafter until the suspension or emergency removal ends to:

(i) Coordinate the delivery and grading of course work between the student and the student's teacher(s) at a frequency that would allow the student to keep current with assignments and course work for all of the student's regular subjects or classes; and

(ii) Communicate with the student, parents, and the student's teacher(s) about the student's academic progress.

(c) An opportunity for the student to make up any assignments and tests missed during the period of suspension or emergency removal.

(5) **Long-term suspensions and expulsions.** For students subject to expulsion or suspension for more than 10 consecutive school days, a school district must provide educational services in accordance with WAC 392-121-107.

(6) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that notices and communications required under this section are provided in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.046, 28A.600.010, 28A.600.015, and 28A.600.020. WSR 25-13-037, s 392-400-610, filed 6/10/25, effective 7/11/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-610, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

## REENGAGEMENT

**WAC 392-400-710 Student reengagement after long-term suspension or expulsion.** (1) **Reengagement meeting.** When a school district administers a long-term suspension or expulsion, the district must convene a reengagement meeting with the student and parents to discuss a plan to reengage the student. Before convening a reengagement meeting, a school district must communicate with the student and parents to schedule the meeting time and location. The reengagement meeting must occur:

(a) Within twenty calendar days of the start of the student's long-term suspension or expulsion, but no later than five calendar days before the student returns to school; or

(b) As soon as reasonably possible, if the student or parents request a prompt reengagement meeting.

(2) **Reengagement plan.** The school district must collaborate with the student and parents to develop a culturally sensitive and culturally responsive reengagement plan tailored to the student's individual circumstances to support the student in successfully returning to school. In developing a reengagement plan, the school district must consider:

(a) The nature and circumstances of the incident that led to the student's suspension or expulsion;

(b) As appropriate, students' cultural histories and contexts, family cultural norms and values, community resources, and community and parent outreach;

(c) Shortening the length of time that the student is suspended or expelled;

(d) Providing academic and nonacademic supports that aid in the student's academic success and keep the student engaged and on track to graduate; and

(e) Supporting the student, parents, or school personnel in taking action to remedy the circumstances that resulted in the suspension or expulsion and preventing similar circumstances from recurring.

(3) **Documentation.** The school district must document the reengagement plan and provide a copy of the plan to the student and parents.

(4) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure that the reengagement meeting and plan are in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(5) **Student and parent rights.** Reengagement meetings do not replace an appeal hearing under WAC 392-400-465 or a petition for readmission.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-710, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

#### **ADDITIONAL DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS**

**WAC 392-400-805 Fundamental rights.** When administering discipline under this chapter, the school district must not:

(1) Unlawfully discriminate against a student on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal;

(2) Deprive a student of the student's constitutional right to freedom of speech and press, the constitutional right to peaceably assemble and to petition the government and its representatives for a redress of grievances, the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion and to have the student's school free from sectarian control or influence, subject to reasonable limitations upon the time, place, and manner of exercising the right;

(3) Deprive a student of the student's constitutional right to be secure in the student's person, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures;

(4) Unlawfully interfere in a student's pursuit of an education while in the custody of the school district; or

(5) Deprive a student of the student's right to an equal educational opportunity, in whole or in part, by a school district without due process of law.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-805, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-810 Exceptions for the purpose of protecting victims.** In accordance with RCW 28A.600.460, a school district may preclude a student from returning to the student's regular educational setting following the end date of a suspension or expulsion for the purpose of protecting victims of certain offenses, as follows:

(1) **Teacher victim.** A student committing an offense under RCW 28A.600.460(2), when the activity is directed toward the teacher, shall not be assigned to that teacher's classroom for the duration of the student's attendance at that school or any other school where the teacher is assigned;

(2) **Student victim.** A student who commits an offense under RCW 28A.600.460(3), when directed toward another student, may be removed from the classroom of the victim for the duration of the student's attendance at that school or any other school where the victim is enrolled.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-810, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-815 Behavior agreements.** (1) **General.** A school district may enter into behavior agreements with students and parents in response to behavioral violations, including agreements to reduce the length of a suspension conditioned on the participation in treatment services, agreements in lieu of suspension or expulsion, or agreements holding a suspension or expulsion in abeyance.

(2) **Policies and procedures.** A school district entering into behavior agreements under this section must adopt written policies and procedures authorizing the agreements.

(3) **Reengagement meetings and educational services.** A school district must ensure that a behavior agreement does not waive a student's opportunity to participate in a reengagement meeting under WAC 392-400-710, or receive educational services as provided under WAC 392-400-610.

(4) **Duration.** The duration of behavior agreements must not exceed the length of an academic term.

(5) **Subsequent behavioral violations.** Nothing in this section precludes a school district from administering discipline for behavioral violations that occur after the district enters into an agreement with the student and parents.

(6) **Language assistance.** The school district must ensure any behavior agreement under this section is provided in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-815, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-820 Firearm exceptions.** As provided under RCW 28A.600.420:

(1) A school district must expel a student for no less than one year if the district has determined that the student has carried or possessed a firearm on school premises, school-provided transporta-

tion, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public schools. The school district superintendent may modify the expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

(2) A school district may suspend or expel a student for up to one year if the student acts with malice, as defined under RCW 9A.04.110, and displays an instrument that appears to be a firearm on school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public schools.

(3) This section does not apply to:

(a) Any student while engaged in military education authorized by the school district in which rifles are used;

(b) Any student while involved in a convention, showing, demonstration, lecture, or firearms safety course authorized by the school district in which the rifles of collectors or instructors are handled or displayed; or

(c) Any student while participating in a rifle competition authorized by the school district.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-820, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-825 Corporal punishment, restraint, and isolation.**

(1) Corporal punishment. A school district may not administer corporal punishment, including any act that willfully inflicts or willfully causes the infliction of physical pain on a student. Corporal punishment does not include:

(a) The use of reasonable physical force by a school administrator, teacher, school personnel or volunteer as necessary to maintain order or to prevent a student from harming themselves, other students, school personnel, or property;

(b) Physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by training for or participation in athletic competition or recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student; or

(c) Physical exertion shared by all students in a teacher-directed class activity, which may include, but is not limited to, physical education exercises, field trips or vocational education projects.

(2) Restraint and isolation. A school district may not use isolation, restraint, or a restraint device on any student, except as provided for in RCW 28A.155.210, 28A.600.485, WAC 392-172A-02105, and 392-172A-02110.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-825, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]

**WAC 392-400-830 School meals.** A school district may not administer any discipline in a manner that would result in the denial or delay of a nutritionally adequate meal to the student.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.600.015, 28A.600.020 and 28A.600.010 through 28A.600.022, 28A.320.211. WSR 18-16-081, § 392-400-830, filed 7/30/18, effective 8/31/18.]