

Terms of Agreement

A Stipulated Expulsion is an expulsion order that is agreed upon without going to an Administrative Hearing Panel. Student, parents, and school district officials sign the agreement, and the student and parents waive their right to a hearing. All stipulated agreements must be approved by the Board of Education.

Expulsion Terms

Full Expulsion: A student is expelled and cannot attend classes at the comprehensive school site. The student is typically offered educational placement through the AUSD Opportunity program or the Los Angeles County Community Day School program.

Suspended Expulsion: A student is expelled from the district; however, the Expulsion is “suspended,” thus allowing the student to attend a program that is deemed appropriate for the rehabilitation of the pupil within our district under the suspended expulsion order and a behavior contract.

Additional Information

See California Education Codes 48900, 48915(a)(1) through 48915(c)(5), for suspension and expulsion details.

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>

See Arcadia Unified School District Discipline Matrix Guidelines for a list of California Education Codes, and interventions and consequences:

<http://info.ausd.net/discipline>

Suspension Guidelines

While on suspension from school, the following rules apply:

Student is not to be on or around school grounds at any time.

A suspended student may not interfere with any student, student activity or any school activity of any school campus in the Arcadia Unified School District during school or during any time that students are under the jurisdiction of the school.

Student is not allowed at any school-sponsored functions at any of the school sites.

If the student is on school grounds or attends a school-sponsored event while on suspension, the student is subject to arrest by the Arcadia Police Department.

Students must complete school/class work while on suspension and parents/guardians should collect homework at the office. Please contact the teacher directly by phone or Email to request the work and then call the office by 3:15pm to verify that the office has it and to arrange to pick it up.

Suspensions may affect the student's eligibility for extra-curricular activities.

ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Suspension & Expulsion



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Suspension and Expulsion

When a student violates a California Education Code in Section 48900 or 48915:

School meets with student and parents, unless a meeting is not feasible.

- Student may be suspended for 1-5 days.
 - Student may return to school on a behavior contract signed by school administrator, parent and student.
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- If the Ed Code violation warrants further investigation or administrative review, or a recommendation for expulsion is mandated, a second meeting is scheduled with the Student Services Coordinator at the District Office.

Parent and student meet with School Site and District administrator at the District Office. This meeting generally results in one of these three actions:

1. The student returns to school under a behavior contract.
2. The student is involuntarily transferred to AUSD Opportunity Program or to another school within the District.
3. The student may be recommended for expulsion.

Expulsion

If a student is recommended for expulsion, a Notice of Hearing providing the details of the hearing and hearing process will be mailed to the parent.

An Administrative Hearing will be held with a panel of three administrators (not from the student's school) to hear the case. This panel will generally make a recommendation to the Arcadia Unified School District Board of Education from the list below, as to whether the student should:

1. Not be expelled, in which case the student returns to their school.
2. Be expelled, but the expulsion suspended and the student remain at his assigned school or another school within the district.
3. Be expelled to AUSD Opportunity Program.
4. Be expelled to Los Angeles County Community Day School.
5. Be expelled to other possible placement (adjacent district or other site/placement).

Administrative Hearing Information

A student remains on extended suspension during the hearing process and must remain away from all school campuses and activities. (See Suspension Rules).

Parents will be notified by mail of the date and time of the hearing.

Both parents and student should attend. However, the hearing will proceed in their absence unless a postponement is requested in writing.

Parents are entitled to request one postponement. This may affect the date which the Board is able to act on the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel and the length of time their student is on suspension awaiting a final decision.

If a student enrolls in another district during the hearing process, parents are required to inform the new district that the student has an expulsion hearing pending.



A recording of the proceedings will be made.

Students and parents are welcome to bring a witness or witnesses to represent their case in the administrative hearing. Families may bring an advocate. Families may also bring an attorney; however, the District requires 5 days notice if an attorney will be attending, in which case the District will also have legal representation. The definition of an attorney is someone registered with the State Bar to practice law.

The Governing Board will meet in closed session to decide whether to approve the Panel recommendation and placement (unless a request is received at least 5 days before the Board date to hear the case in open session).



Parental Rights

Parents have a right to request to address the Board in closed session on behalf of their student and will be allowed ten minutes to do so if they notify the student services office at least 5 days in advance of the meeting date of their desire to do so.

Governing Board

The Board takes action in open session to declare their decision. If the case is heard in closed session, student names are not used in open session, only case numbers.

Student Services will notify the parent of the decision.

In Case of Expulsion

If a student is expelled, he/she will receive a rehabilitation plan which sets out the requirements for readmission.

Near the end of the term of the expulsion, the student will be allowed to apply for readmission. Readmission is not automatic, but contingent on the student's compliance with the rehabilitation plan. Students on suspended expulsion should also apply for readmission.

Readmission

Student and parents submit a readmission application and proof of residency and meet with the readmission panel.

The readmission panel makes a recommendation to the Board, who makes the final decision in closed session as to whether the student will be:

- Readmitted, OR
- Allowed to return to a district school under a suspended expulsion, OR
- Not readmitted.

The decision of the Board will be announced during open session. Student names are not used, only case numbers. Student Services will notify the parent of the decision by mail. Parents may contact the Student Services office the day following the board meeting.

- Students not readmitted have their expulsion period extended another semester and are allowed to apply for readmission near the end of this period.
- Students who are readmitted are required to sign behavior contracts upon return to a district school.