

TO: School Board
RE: Policy Monitoring: Learning Environment
DA: May 21, 2013

Whereas, the Board expects the school to be operated in a safe and orderly manner;

The Superintendent may not:

1. Fail to adopt administrative policies on conduct and discipline which:
 - a) Prohibit the possession or use of illegal drugs and alcohol or the use of tobacco products by students or adults on school property and at school-sponsored student events.
 - We have processed several situations this year involving chewing tobacco. In each case, we have solved the situation short of expulsion.
 - b) Prohibit the presence of firearms or other dangerous weapons on school property and at school-sponsored events.
 - No events related to dangerous weapons.
 - c) Prohibit any violence on school property and at school-sponsored events.
 - All incidences handled.
 - d) Provide for the discipline of special education students in accordance with their Individual Educational Plan.
 - All students have been dealt with per their IEP's.
 - e) Establish procedures for student interrogations, searches and arrests consistent with current law.
 - To my knowledge, there have been no searches of or arrests on school property this year.
 - f) Establish procedures to afford students, parents and school personnel due process with regard to student conduct and discipline issues.
 - No students expelled this year.
 - g) Recognize the right and authority of the school board to expel students and to decide whether to provide continuing education services.
 - Yes, we recognize it is the Board's decision.

- h) Provide for the recommendation of expulsion or administration of other appropriate discipline of students deemed to be habitually disruptive.
 - Several students have been referred to the "Open Doors Academy" but no students have been referred for truancy.
- i) Establish the district's student attendance policy.
 - The policy is enforced to the extent possible. We continue to have concerns with city and county follow through on truancy.
 - Our change to the "10 day rule" appears to have been successful.
- 2. Develop the policies with appropriately involving staff, students, parents and the community.
 - No policy change this year in this area.
- 3. Fail to have the conduct and discipline policy distributed once annually to each enrolled student and once to each new student in the district.
 - Contained in the building handbooks which are distributed to each student.
- 4. Fail to ensure that a copy of the policy, and any significant change to the policy, are posted or available for inspection in each school building.
 - All policies are updated for viewing on the District Website.
- 5. Fail to ensure that the policy is enforced consistently in accordance with state and federal law.
 - To my knowledge, no state or federal laws have been broken.
- 6. Fail to identify students at risk of suspension or expulsion and provide them with support services to help them avoid suspension or expulsion.
 - Pre-Expulsion hearings have been held to make this determination. Further support services were developed and put into place as a result of pre-expulsion hearings.
- 7. Fail to ensure that appropriate disciplinary and protective information is communicated to staff who have direct contact with the disciplined students.
 - Information is included in student handbook which is distributed to all teachers.