

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT BEHAVIOR ISSUES

The Avery County Board of Education recognizes the need for parents and guardians to work with schools in helping students learn and practice acceptable standards of behavior. School employees are to encourage parents to participate in discussions on effective strategies for correcting misbehavior and appropriate consequences for violations of board policy, school standards or rules.

School personnel are expected, as a part of their school's student behavior management plan, to identify strategies that involve parents. At a minimum, the plan must provide for inviting parents to conferences whenever there are repeated violations of board policy, school standards or rules or whenever there is a serious violation that may result in removing the student from his or her regular educational environment for any extended period of time. Parents also have the right to inspect or obtain copies of student records as provided in board policy 4700, Student Records.

When the principal decides to impose a short-term suspension or recommend long-term suspension or expulsion, the principal shall:

1. before or as soon as is reasonably feasible after imposing any suspension, notify the parent of (1) the nature of the misbehavior; (2) the board policy, school standard or rule that was violated; and (3) the consequence that may be or has been imposed;
2. maintain documents and relevant information received about the misbehavior for review with the parent, taking into account the rights of other students or staff that may be involved;
3. make reasonable efforts, if appropriate to meet with the parent before or at the time the student returns to school after any suspension; and
4. make available a copy of this policy and all other applicable board policies, school standards and rules;

When a short-term suspension has been imposed, the principal shall inform the parent of the student's rights under board policy 4351, short-Term Suspension. When a long-term suspension, 365 day suspension or expulsion has been recommended, the principal shall inform the parent of the student's rights under policy 4353, Long-Term Suspension, 365 Day Suspension, Expulsion, and policy 4361, Appeals of Long-Term or 365 Day Suspensions. If English is the second language of the parent or guardian, the principal shall provide the notice in English as well as in the parent's or guardian's first language when the appropriate foreign language resources are available.

All records of parental contact should be maintained in the student's records and will be retained at least through the end of the school year.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-47, -391

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Short-Term Suspension (policy 4351), Appeals of Consequences No Greater than Short-Term Suspension (policy 4360), Long-Term Suspension, 365 Day Suspension, Expulsion (policy 4353), Appeals of Long-Term or 365 Day Suspensions (policy 4361)

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