

1 REVISION  
2 First Reading

3 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian

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5 STUDENT PERSONNEL

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7 Series 500

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9 Policy Title Correction, Suspension and Expulsion

Code No. 502.20

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12 When any pupil behaves unacceptably, the building administrator or designee will:

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14 A. Conduct a conference with the pupil:
- 15 1. Obtain all the facts.
  - 16 2. Decide on a course of action for future behavior.
  - 17 3. Provide parents/guardian with written notification of the conference.
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19 B. For repeated or major violations:
- 20 1. A pupil may be suspended by a building administrator or certified designee.  
21 The principal or his/her designee will notify parents or guardians prior to  
22 suspending a pupil. In-house suspension may be used pending notification  
23 of parents or guardians.
  - 24 2. Prior to suspending any student, the building administrator shall grant the  
25 opportunity for an informal hearing on the reasons for the suspension and  
26 provide the opportunity for the student to challenge those reasons.
  - 27 3. Parents will be advised that suspension may follow further infractions.
  - 28 4. In cases involving suspension, a record will be sent to the superintendent's  
29 office.
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31 C. In the instance that it is alleged that a pupil is habitually truant, incorrigible,  
32 continuously disruptive, or is in violation of the "Zero Tolerance" provisions:
- 33 1. The principal, building administrator, superintendent ~~or board of trustees~~  
34 have authority to temporarily suspend a pupil of the school district until a  
35 final determination is made by the board of trustees.
  - 36 2. The principal may recommend to the superintendent or his/her designee  
37 who may recommend to the board of trustees that the pupil be expelled for  
38 a period of time up to one year.
  - 39 3. During the period of suspension from school, the District Discipline and  
40 Attendance Committee, made up of three **panelists** (generally  
41 administrators/counselors), who shall be the hearing panel, the  
42 superintendent or his/her designee who shall act as the hearing officer, and  
43 a recorder shall schedule an informal hearing to determine if the pupil  
44 should be re-admitted or expelled. The student and his/her  
45 parents/guardian shall have the right to:  
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    - 47 ○ Notice of the allegations against the student
    - 48 ○ Notice of the time and place when the parent/guardian/student may  
49 appear to contest the denial of the right to attend
    - 50 ○ A reasonable period of time to prepare
    - 51 ○ Be represented by counsel

- 52                   ○ Produce witnesses and submit evidence on the student’s behalf  
53                   ○ Cross examine adult witnesses  
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55                   4. The District Discipline and Attendance Committee may uphold the  
56                   recommendation of the principal to expel the student or may recommend  
57                   the conditional return of the student to school upon compliance with a  
58                   specific plan. Such a plan may include deferment of the expulsion to allow  
59                   readmission if returning the student is determined to be consistent with the  
60                   safety of the pupil and the well being of the school and the district as a  
61                   whole. The recommendation for expulsion shall be referred to the board of  
62                   trustees for approval, absent the parent/guardian/ or adult student  
63                   appealing that decision to the board of trustees; the appeal must be made  
64                   in writing within five (5) days of the committee’s decision.  
65                   5. Expelled pupils will not be permitted to return to **the home school or any**  
66                   **other district school, or attend any district sanctioned event** until the end of  
67                   the expulsion period, and after a re-entry plan has been signed by the  
68                   parents/guardian and pupil and has been approved by the building  
69                   administrator.  
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71                   D. Joint School District No. 2, adheres to a Zero Tolerance Policy which states:  
72                   1. WEAPONS: Students are forbidden to knowingly and/or voluntarily  
73                   possess, handle, transmit, or use any instrument that can be used as a  
74                   weapon or is a facsimile of a weapon. Any object which could be used to  
75                   injure another person and which has no school-related purpose will be  
76                   considered a weapon for purposes of this policy. The following are  
77                   examples of instruments ordinarily or generally considered weapons: knives  
78                   of all types, guns, lead pipes, chains, chuck-sticks, throwing stars, darts,  
79                   metal knuckles, black-jacks, fireworks, explosives, mace or other  
80                   chemicals. Possession, use, or attempt to use anything as a weapon will  
81                   result in the student being referred to the District Discipline and Attendance  
82                   Committee.  
83                   2. EXPLOSIVE DEVICES: Placing or detonating an explosive device, verbal  
84                   threats, including those made by telephone, electronically transmitted or  
85                   written threats of explosive devices will be investigated by school  
86                   administrators and the school resource officer. Any student involved in  
87                   these threats will be referred to the District Discipline and Attendance  
88                   Committee.  
89                   3. VERBAL OR WRITTEN THREATS: Verbal threats, including those made  
90                   by telephone, electronically transmitted, or written threats of any type  
91                   against school or individual(s) will be investigated by school administrators  
92                   and the school resource officer. Any student involved in these threats may  
93                   be referred to the District Discipline and Attendance Committee.  
94                   4. ARSON: The malicious burning of or attempt to burn another individual or  
95                   school property may result in referral to the District Discipline and  
96                   Attendance Committee.  
97                   5. ZERO TOLERANCE: Zero tolerance will be in effect while on the property  
98                   of a public or private school or in those portions of any building, stadium or  
99                   other structure on school grounds which were, at the time of the violation,  
100                   being used for an activity sponsored by or through such a school, and/or  
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102                   sponsored extra curricular or academic activity off school grounds.

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6. ALCOHOL/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DISTRIBUTION OR SALE: ~~Students are forbidden to distribute or sell alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, or to possess such alcoholic beverages or controlled substances with the intent to sell or deliver, at any time on or near district property, at a school-sponsored activity, or during the lunch period subsequent to leaving the district property and then returning to the school property for any reason. It shall be presumed that a student in possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances in amounts in excess of that for personal one-time use, or such amount of a controlled substance in conjunction with possession of any drug paraphernalia including but not limited to scales, pipes, and or/plastic bags has the intent to sell or deliver such controlled substance (see Drug & Alcohol policy 502.5).~~ **To distribute or intend to distribute/sell drugs/alcohol or controlled substances, or any substance available with or without a prescription, that can be used in a manner detrimental to one's health and in excess of recommended dosage to other students or persons on or near district property during school hours or at a school sponsored event, including dual-enrolled programs as defined in the policy. It shall be presumed that a student in possession of these substances in amounts in excess of that for personal one-time use, or such amount of a controlled substance in conjunction with possession of any drug paraphernalia including but not limited to scales, pipes, and/or plastic bags has the intent to sell or deliver such controlled substances (See Drug and Alcohol [policy 502.5])**

7. DISTRICT PROPERTY/DUAL-ENROLLED PROGRAMS: **Includes all buildings, facilities, and property owned or leased by the district, school buses, and other school vehicles, and the location of any school sponsored activity or function including dual-enrollment settings, that include but are not limited to, Meridian Night School, Treasure Valley Math and Science, and the Dehryl Dennis Center.**

- E. EXPULSION: Students in violation of any zero tolerance policies may be recommended for expulsion and referred to the appropriate authorities. The duration of expulsion may be for the remainder of the school year; or, if occurring within the last twenty (20) days of a semester, the student may also be expelled for the following semester.
- F. Joint School District No. 2 will comply with the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act, as mandated, (see Addendum) which requires the expulsion from school of any student who brings a firearm to school. The expulsion is for not less than one calendar year.
- G. Joint School District No. 2 will not admit a student who has been expelled from another district until that student has completed the expulsion period. The timing should be based on written confirmation from the district that initially expelled the student.