

Pittsfield School District

MODIFICATION OF A WEAPONS EXPULSION

Pursuant to RSA 193:13, IV, the superintendent may, upon written application of an expelled student, recommend modification to the expulsion. Prior to the School Board's consenting to such a modification, the student shall be required to submit to the superintendent sufficient evidence in the form of letters, work history, or other documents or testimony demonstrating that it is in the school's best interest and the student's best interest to allow a modification. In making such a decision, due regard will be given to other students and staff whose safety and well-being shall be of paramount importance.

Administrative Procedure Regarding Mandatory Expulsion

The mandatory twelve-month expulsion from school for bringing or possessing a firearm in a safe school zone may be modified on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the superintendent of schools in the following situations:

1. The superintendent determines that possession of a firearm was inadvertent in that another person had left the firearm in the student's vehicle and the student had not noticed that he/she was bringing the firearm within the safe school zone; or
2. The superintendent determines that the student intended to use the firearm for sport immediately before or after school and had no intention to display the firearm to other students; or
3. The student is in the fifth grade or lower grade, and the superintendent determines that the student did not understand the dangers of firearms when the firearm was brought to school; or
4. The superintendent determines that the firearm was not loaded and that no ammunition was reasonably available and that the student had no intention to display the firearm to other students.

Administrative Procedure Regarding Expulsion Review

An expelled student has the right to request a review of the expulsion prior to the start of each school year.

A request for review should be directed by the student to the superintendent of schools and should be received by the superintendent on or before August 15. The request shall set forth each and all reasons why the student's right to attend school should be reinstated. Of particular importance would necessarily be such information as might

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convince school authorities that the conduct which led to the expulsion would not be repeated.

The superintendent of schools shall direct written recommendation to the School Board with a copy to the student and the student's parents/guardians if the student is under the age of eighteen years.

The expulsion may be continued, the student may be reinstated but required to meet certain conditions prior to reinstatement, or the student may be reinstated without conditions. A code of conduct and consequences may be established for a reinstated student which are more strict than for the general student population.

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