

ADDENDUM: Code of Conduct (Long- Term Suspension/ Recommendation of Expulsion)

EXPULSION PROCESS

What is an Expulsion Hearing?

An expulsion hearing is a disciplinary action available to schools after a student is believed to have committed an expellable offense. Expulsion hearings are only scheduled after a Tier One, Tier Two or a second Tier Three offense occurs. At the expulsion hearing, school leaders and students will both provide their account of the incident or behavior and supporting evidence. The Student Hearing Office will make a determination of guilt and accompanying intervention based on the information included in the expulsion recommendation and communicated at the expulsion hearing. Parents / guardians have five (5) days from the Student Hearing Office (SHO) decision to appeal a guilty determination.

For a complete overview of the LODE and SHO's policies, including the 2017-- 18 Student Code of Conduct, go to www.rsdl.net

Long- Term Suspension/Expulsion

If a student commits an offense that calls for long –term suspension (more than 10 days) or expulsion, the following steps are taken:

- If necessary , immediate removal from class and/or school
- Parent/ guardian is notified by Principal or his/her designee(s)
- The Principal holds a student conference and conducts an investigation. The student may be suspended in the meantime. Students with disabilities cannot be suspended more than ten (10) days, cumulatively or consecutively, throughout the school year.
- The principal may recommend a student for expulsion. A hearing is scheduled at the School Hearing Office within five (5) school days.
- At the hearing, the Hearing Officer decides the student's guilt/innocent. If found guilty, the expulsion is effective immediately. If the student is found not guilty, he or she may return to school the following day.
- Students and their families may appeal the decision of the Hearing Office. The SHO Superintendent/ Designee will hear the first appeal for direct-run schools. All students and families may appeal the expulsion. The appeal process is located on the SHO website.