

APPROVAL OF HANDBOOKS AND DIRECTIVES

In each school building, the Principal, in conjunction with the School Council, shall annually prepare and distribute to each student a handbook setting forth the rules pertaining to conduct of students. The School Council shall review the handbooks and any amendments thereto prior to their annual publication to ensure their contents conform to existing Franklin School Committee policies.

Codes of student conduct shall include but not be limited to: (1) disciplinary proceedings, including procedures securing due process and (2) standards and procedures for (a) suspension and expulsion of students, (b) discipline of special needs students and (c) security and safety of school buildings, students and personnel.

Notwithstanding the above and any general or special law to the contrary, all student handbooks shall contain the following provisions:

- (a) Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including all athletic competitions, in possession of a dangerous weapon, or controlled substance as defined in M.G.L. chapter 94C, may be subject to expulsion from school or school district by the Principal.
- (b) Any student who assaults any employee of the school district on school premises or at a school-sponsored or school-related events, including all athletic competitions, may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the Principal.
- (c) Any student who is charged with violation of either paragraph (a) or (b) shall be notified in writing of an opportunity for a hearing; provided however, that the student may have representation, along with the opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at said hearing before the Principal. After said hearing, the Principal may decide to suspend rather than expel a student.
- (d) Any student who has been expelled shall have the right to appeal to the Superintendent. The expelled student shall have ten (10) days from the date of the expulsion in which to notify in writing the Superintendent of his appeal. The student has the right of counsel at a hearing before the Superintendent. The subject matter of the appeal shall not be limited solely to a factual determination of whether the student had violated any provisions of this section.
- (e) When a student is expelled under the provisions listed above and applies for admission to another school for acceptance, the Superintendent of the sending school shall notify the superintendent of the receiving school of the reasons for the pupil's expulsion.

