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The Board may expel a student from school whenever it finds the student guilty of repeated refusals or neglect to obey the rules, or finds that a pupil knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made, or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives or finds that the pupil engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority which endangered the property, health or safety of others or finds that a pupil, while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority, engaged in conduct which endangered the property, health or safety of others at school or under the supervision of a school authority or endangered the property, health or safety of any employee or School Board Member of the district in which the student is enrolled, and is satisfied that the interest of the school demands the student's expulsion.

Any student who is at least 16 years old may also be expelled if the School Board finds that the pupil repeatedly engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority, that disrupted the ability of school authorities to maintain order or an educational atmosphere at school or at an activity supervised by a school authority and that such conduct does not constitute grounds for expulsion under the paragraph above and is satisfied that the interest of the school demands the pupil's expulsion.

Any student who the Board finds guilty of possessing a firearm, as defined by federal law on school premises or under the jurisdiction of the school, shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year. The school board may modify such expulsion requirement for a student on a case by case basis.

If expulsion is recommended by the principal and/or superintendent, the Board shall hold a hearing prior to the expulsion. Not less than five (5) days written notice of the hearing shall be sent to the pupil and if the pupil is a minor, to the pupil's parent or guardian, specifying the particulars of the alleged refusal, neglect or conduct, stating the time and place of the hearing and stating that the hearing may result in the pupil's expulsion. Upon request of the pupil and if the pupil's parent or Guardian may be represented at the hearing by counsel.

All expulsion procedures will be done in accordance with the relevant state statutes. Any consideration of expulsion for a student with disabilities will conform with all state and federal legal requirements.

When a student is expelled from school, they are prohibited from being on school grounds or participating in any activities for the period of expulsion except when the right of the expelled student to be on school premises is guaranteed by law.

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School districts may not unlawfully discriminate against students in standards or rules of behavior or disciplinary actions, including suspensions and expulsions, on the basis of a student's race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, religion, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other legally protected status or classification. Students who feel they have been discriminated against may file a complaint in accordance with the district's discrimination complaint procedures.

#### Legal References:

#### **Wisconsin Statutes**

Section 118.127[use of law enforcement records as sole basis for suspending or expelling<br/>students from school prohibited]Section 118.16(4)(b)[conditions for making up examinations and coursework missed during<br/>suspensions as per student attendance policy]Section 120.13(1)[board power to suspend or expel students from school]

#### **Federal Laws**

<u>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</u> [programs and services for students with disabilities; includes requirements related to change of placements and providing continued educational services during period of expulsion]

Cross References: 447.4-Exhibit 1, Exhibit Checklist

447.4-Exhibit 2, Pupil Expulsion: Outline of Procedures and Rights
447.4-Exhibit 3, Notice of Expulsion Hearing
447.4-Exhibit 4, Findings and Order of Pupil Expulsion

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