



**EDGE SCHOOL**

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**STUDENT SUSPENSION AND  
EXPULSION POLICY**

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**TITLE:** Student Suspension and Expulsion Policy

**BOARD APPROVAL:** January 20, 2024

**POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES:**

Alberta Education Act: Section 36 and 37

Edge School Student Code of Conduct

Edge School Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Working and Learning Environment Policy

Edge School Abuse Policy

**RATIONALE:**

The School recognizes that matters pertaining to student conduct should be approached through a lens of learning and teaching. Such events provide opportunities for students to learn about themselves, about others, and about how to be a respectful, supportive and contributing member of our school community and of society. Proper student conduct is required in order to maintain a school environment that is conducive to learning and promotes personal excellence.

The teachers and administration of Edge School will work with students and parents in setting appropriate standards for conduct and in maintaining high standards in this regard.

**PRINCIPLES:**

1. Appropriate student conduct and behavior is critical to the creation of a culture of mutual respect amongst all stakeholders.
2. Student conduct processes respect the rights, maturity, dignity, and emotional and social health of all individuals involved.
3. Student conduct events will be approached as learning opportunities. As such, where appropriate, students are meaningfully involved in resolving discipline issues.
4. Teachers and school administration will work collaboratively with students and parents to prevent student conduct issues from arising.
5. When student conduct issues arise, teachers and/or administration will work constructively to develop a fair and equitable resolution. Where appropriate, parents will also be involved in the process.
6. Effectively addressing student conduct provides opportunities for growth and development for students who have made mistakes and require guidance in finding a solution to problems caused by their actions.
7. The school will annually inform students and parents of the code of conduct. Sections 36 and 37 of the Education Act and all Edge School policies inform the expectations and consequences for all students attending Edge School.

## PROCEDURES:

1. The classroom teacher is responsible for the primary intervention in disciplinary situations occurring in the classroom, or during off campus trips. If necessary, teachers may suspend a student from one class period.
2. Teachers should refer students to the administration for behaviour which is deemed by the teacher to have a negative effect on the learning climate of their classroom and/or the school.
3. For repeated offenses or for a single offense of a more serious nature, administration can suspend the student for up to five days. Parents will be notified in writing of the suspension. For a school suspension, the student's parent may request a meeting with the Principal to discuss the suspension. If school administration deems that a suspension beyond 5 days is needed, they may make a request to the CEO/Head of School to extend a suspension, up to 10 days.

During the time that a student is suspended, the student is suspended from all school-related activities including but not limited to field trips, athletic training, school sport activities and any travel.

4. For repeated offenses or for a single offence of a more serious nature, administration may make a recommendation to the board to expel the student if it is determined that continuance in our program leads to issues of safety and/or security for the school community and/or if it is detrimental to the school culture or to the learning environment. If the student is recommended for expulsion, the parent has the right to provide information to the board in order to give their perspective on the situation.
5. If the board accepts the recommendation and the student is expelled:
  - A. The parent has two options to consider.
    - a. Edge School continues to provide educational services to the child at home via alternate means.
    - b. The student chooses to receive educational programming from another school.
  - B. Regardless of the choice that is made by the parent in (A), the child is no longer eligible to participate in any sport academy or team training or activities.
  - C. As per the contract, there will be no refunds for any tuition or fees, paid or owing.

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