

Island Catholic Schools

STUDENT SUSPENSION AND/OR **EXPULSION**

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Rationale

Students who do not conform to the student code of conduct may negatively affect the school's learning environment. The Board of Directors grants Local School Councils and the School Principal the authority to withdraw a student's privilege of attending a class, school or riding the bus for failure to comply with the rules established by the Local School Council.

Definitions

Day – refers to the day schools are in session.

A decision that is deemed to significantly affect the education, health or safety of a student is:

- a) disciplinary suspension from school for a period in excess of five (5) consecutive days;
- b) suspension from school for a health condition;
- c) grade promotion or graduation;
- d) any other decision that significantly impacts the present or future educational program of the student.

Expulsion means to remove a student indefinitely from:

one or more courses or education programs one or more schools riding a school bus participating in an activity sponsored or approved by a school or the district.

Indefinite Suspension means to remove a student for an indefinite period of time and may lead to an expulsion.

Hearing - refers to an in-camera meeting to address an appeal or request for reinstatement.

Natural justice - includes the principles of procedural fairness and ensuring a fair decision is reached by an objective decision maker.

Procedural fairness refers to fair and proper procedures being used when making a decision (right to be heard and unbiased decision maker).

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- 2. Expulsion may be used when:
 - 2.1 It is deemed that other means of corrective action including consultation with parents, counseling, and suspensions have failed to achieve orderly and appropriate student behaviour; or
 - 2.2 The student's continued presence in the school is deemed to threaten or disrupt the orderly functioning of the school or the studQ DcQ



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