

- (v). Seclusion – a procedure that isolates and confines the student in a separate, locked area until he or she is no longer an immediate danger to himself/herself or others. The seclusion occurs in a specifically constructed or designated room or space that is physically isolated from common areas and from which the student is physically prevented from leaving. Seclusion does not include situations in which a staff member trained in the use of de-escalation techniques or restraint is physically present in the same unlocked room as the student, time-out as defined in paragraph (1.) (vi) of this rule, in-school suspension, detention, or a student-requested break in a different location in the room or in a separate room. Use of seclusion is prohibited in Alabama public schools and educational programs.

2. Requirements

- (i) The use of seclusion is prohibited in Alabama public schools and educational programs.
- (v). The use of physical restraint is prohibited in Alabama public schools and educational programs **except** in those situations in which the student is an immediate danger to himself or others and the student is not responsive to less intensive behavioral interventions including verbal directives or other de-escalation techniques. Notwithstanding the foregoing, physical restraint is prohibited in Alabama public schools and educational programs when used as a form of discipline or punishment.
- (vi). All physical restraint must be immediately terminated when the student is no longer an immediate danger to himself or is in severe distress.

Definitions and Rules Relating to Formal Disciplinary Action

All students shall be afforded an opportunity for due process in all matters pertaining to disciplinary matters.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

In-school suspension is a structured disciplinary action where a student is isolated or removed from regular classroom activities but is not dismissed from the school setting. Students will be given credit for all school work. The principal or his/her designated person(s) has the authority to assign students to in-school suspension for a reasonable and specified period of time.

Suspension (OSS)

Suspension is defined as the temporary removal of a student from school for a violation of school policies, rules, regulations, or for interfering with the orderly operation of the school. A disciplinary hearing becomes necessary after 10 days per year for students with an IEP or 504 plan. In the event a proposed suspension results in cumulative suspensions exceeding (10) full days per year for special education students, an appropriate disciplinary hearing will be held. Only the Superintendent or his or her designee, principal, or assistant administrator shall have the authority to suspend students.

- A. Days absent from school because of suspension are unexcused. No credit for daily work is permitted when a student is absent as a result of suspension.
- B. At the discretion of the principal, credit for major tests, nine-week tests, midterm exams, and final exams may be given to students who have been suspended during exam periods.
- C. Any single suspension shall not exceed ten school days without an administrative hearing by the Superintendent or his designee. Any suspension of 10 or more days is considered long-term suspension.
- D. The Superintendent or designee will be notified of all suspensions.
- E. The Superintendent or his designee may suspend the student until action is taken by the Board.
- F. Students suspended for any portion of the school day are not allowed to participate in or attend any school related activities until reinstated by the school administrator.

Opportunity (Alternative) School Placement

The Cleburne County Board of Education operates the Opportunity (Alternative) Educational Program to which students may be referred depending on the circumstances and conduct involved instead of receiving long term suspension or expulsion. There is no guarantee or commitment on the part of the Cleburne

County Board of Education or its employees that all high school curriculum can be duplicated while a student is in attendance at the Opportunity (Alternative) School. Students will receive instruction in their core courses only. Students may be expected to complete work at home as well. Elective coursework cannot be made up at the Opportunity (Alternative) School. Hours of Operation are 3:30-6:30 M, T, TH and 3:30-5:30 W.

Students who commit a Class III violation, as defined by the **Code of Conduct**, or who repeatedly commit Class II violations such that they frequently disrupt the education of others may be referred to the Opportunity/Alternative School Program by the school administrators. If assigned days exceed **25**, it **must** be approved by the Superintendent. Additionally, students that presently have criminal charges pending may be placed at the Opportunity (Alternative) School until those charges have been adjudicated.

The Opportunity/Alternative School is located on Cleburne County Career Technical School. Opportunity/Alternative School placements are used in the place of special circumstances, a long-term suspension, and/or expulsion. Students who are assigned to Opportunity/Alternative School for discipline purposes may not attend any school related function while enrolled. This includes but is not limited to all extracurricular activities including sport games and competitions, school dances, field trips, group class activities, graduation ceremonies, and other school activities. Students are expected to follow all guidelines and procedures established at the school.

Transportation to the Opportunity (Alternative) School is not provided at the expense of the Board. Students are not allowed to drive to the Opportunity (Alternative) School if attending due to suspension or expulsion. Parents must arrange transportation for their child. Upon a student's completion of his/her alternative school assignment and return back to the home school, the local school administrator will conduct a transition conference to support a successful new start.

Expulsion

Expulsion is denial of school attendance and may be recommended by the principal for the remainder of the school year or for a time period determined on a case-by-case basis. Upon the receipt of the principal's recommendation, the Superintendent may schedule an administrative hearing with the Board of Education, unless waived by custodial parent or guardian. However, in the event a hearing is required, the custodial parent or guardian will be notified by registered mail prior to action by the Cleburne County Board of Education.

SUPERVISION OF LOW RISK JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS

(Annalyn's Law)

Pursuant to Annalyn's Law, the Superintendent shall be notified by local law enforcement when a low risk juvenile sex offender is enrolled or attending school within the board's jurisdiction for the purpose of appropriate supervision during the school day and during school activities.

Section 1. Definitions

In this policy, these terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Plan" refers to the "individualized student safety plan" developed following the Student's adjudication and/or enrollment in the school to serve as a behavior contract between the Student and the School.
- (b) "School" refers to "all school property and school-sponsored functions including, but not limited to, classroom instructional time, assemblies, athletic events, extracurricular activities, and school bus transportation" related to the Student's current school of record.
- (c) "Student" refers to "the low risk juvenile sex offender" designated by a juvenile court judge as having a low risk of re-offense.
- (d) "Teachers and staff with supervision over the student" or "Supervision team" refers to school officials or staff who have a specific responsibility for the Student, including the school principal, the Student's assigned teachers and/or coaches, the Student's counselor and if applicable, the Student's bus driver, during the subject school year and who will be privy to information regarding the Student's status. Teachers and staff with only passing and/or general contact with the Student shall not be privy to information regarding the Student's status.