

7.72 Suspension and Expulsion of Students

1. Suspension is the termination of student status for a definite period of time. A suspended student may not be present on campus and is denied College privileges including class attendance and all other student- or College-granted privileges.
 - a. Summary suspension is limited to that period of time necessary to insure that the College is protected from the immediate possibility of violence, disorder, or threat to the safety of persons or property. Summary suspension is not necessarily considered ~~discipline~~ **a disciplinary action** against the student.
 - b. Disciplinary suspension is a temporary termination of student status and includes exclusion from classes, privileges, or activities for a specified period of time as stipulated in the written notice of suspension.
2. The College President or designee (**faculty or administrator**) may suspend a student, as deemed appropriate, for any of the following time periods:
 - a. From one or more classes for a period of up to ten days.
 - b. From one or more classes for the remainder of the semester or session.
 - c. From all classes and activities of the College for one or more semesters or sessions.
3. In cases involving disciplinary suspension:
 - a. The student shall be informed of the nature of the violations and/or actions which constitute the basis for suspension.
 - b. The student shall have the opportunity to examine any materials upon which the charges are based.
 - c. The student shall be allowed to present evidence refuting the charges to the College President or designee.
 - d. A written explanation in writing **and if necessary in an additional alternative format** of the terms and conditions of the suspension shall be provided to the student. The faculty, administrators and staff who should know of a suspension shall be so informed, in writing.
4. At the end of the period of suspension, the student must meet with the Vice President, Student Services before returning to classes.
5. A student under suspension at any District College may not enroll in any other District College during the period of suspension.
6. The College President shall report all suspensions of students to the Chancellor-Superintendent.
7. If the suspended student is a **dependant minor for federal tax purposes**, the parent or guardian shall be notified in writing by the College President or designee.
8. Expulsion of a student is the indefinite termination of student status and all attending rights and privileges. Expulsion of a student is accomplished by action of the Board on recommendation of the College President and the Chancellor-Superintendent. An expelled student shall not be allowed to register in any subsequent semester without the approval of the College President.
 - a. The College President shall forward to the Chancellor-Superintendent a letter of recommendation for expulsion which includes a brief statement of charges and a confidential statement of background and evidence relating to the charge(s).

- b. The Chancellor-Superintendent shall review the recommendation for expulsion with the Office of County Counsel.
- c. The Chancellor-Superintendent, as Secretary for the Board, shall forward a letter to the student by certified mail advising him/her of the charges and of the intention of the Board to hold a closed session hearing to consider his/her expulsion. Unless the student requests a public hearing in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled hearing, the hearing shall be conducted in a closed session.
- d. The student is entitled to be present during presentation of the case and may be accompanied by a representative. If the student chooses to be represented by an attorney, s/he must so notify the Chancellor-Superintendent no later than five (5) working days prior to the hearing. The student has the right to examine any materials upon which charges against him/her are based and shall be given the opportunity to present his/her evidence refuting the charges to the Board. The student or his/her representative may cross-examine any witness. The District bears the burden of proof.
- e. The final action of the Board shall be taken in public session. The result of that action shall be a public record. An explanation in writing **and if necessary in an additional alternative format** of the Board's action shall be provided to the student. All documents and materials including all information that personally identifies the student shall be regarded as confidential and will be made public only if the student requests a public hearing or provides a specific permission that such information be released to specific individuals or organizations.