

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT BEHAVIOR ISSUES**

*Policy Code:* **4341**

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The board recognizes the need for parents and guardians to work with the school employees in helping students to learn and practice acceptable standards of behavior. School employees are to encourage parents to participate in discussions on effective strategies for correcting misbehavior and appropriate consequences for violations of board policies, the Code of Student Conduct, and other school standards and rules.

Schools are expected, as a part of their student behavior management plan, to identify strategies that involve parents. At a minimum, the plan must provide for inviting parents to conferences whenever there are repeated violations of board policies, the Code of Student Conduct, school standards or rules or whenever there is a serious violation that may result in removing the student from his or her regular educational environment for any extended period of time. Parents also have the right to inspect or obtain copies of student records as provided in board policy 4700, Student Records.

If the principal is considering imposing a short-term suspension or recommending long-term suspension or expulsion, the principal is required to make the following efforts to notify and involve the parent:

1. notify the parent in accordance with Section C of policy 4351, Short-Term Suspension;
2. maintain documents and relevant information received about the misbehavior for review with the parent, taking into account the rights of other students or staff that may be involved;
3. make reasonable efforts to meet with the parent before or at the time the student returns to school after any suspension;
4. make available a copy of this policy, the Student Code of Conduct and all other applicable board policies, school standards and rules; and
5. advise the parent of the right to appeal the action of the principal as provided in board policy 4360 (Appeals of Consequences No Greater Than Short-Term Suspension), and policy 4361 (Appeals of Long-Term Suspensions).

When a short-term suspension has been imposed, the principal shall inform the parent of the student's rights under policy 4351, Short-Term Suspension.

When the principal decides to recommend a long-term suspension, a 365-day suspension or an

expulsion, the principal shall inform the parent of the student's rights, as outlined in policy 4353, Long-Term Suspension, 365-Day Suspension, Expulsion. If English is the second language of the parent or guardian, the principal shall provide the notice in English and also in the parent's or guardian's first language when the appropriate foreign language resources are available.

All records of parental contact should be maintained in the student's records and will be retained at least through the school year.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-47, -391

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Appeals of Consequences No Greater Than Short-Term Suspension (policy 4360), Appeals of Long-Term Suspensions (policy 4361)

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