



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE CENTRAL QUÉBEC  
CENTRAL QUÉBEC SCHOOL BOARD

## STUDENT EXPULSION POLICY

(Adopted April 17, 2015)

# POLICY

*Note: The masculine gender is used throughout this document for the sake of conciseness and is meant to be inclusive of both genders.*

At CQSB we strive to provide our students with an environment conducive to physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth. We also want to provide a safe and secure environment for all. Measures are put in place to support students who may encounter difficulties, whether these be of a social, emotional, intellectual or physical nature.

A school or centre authority may exceptionally recommend the expulsion of a student. This recommendation may come for any of the reasons listed below:

- Violent or dangerous behaviour
- Bullying (repeated or on-going)
- Using, possessing or dealing drugs/alcohol
- Taking part in illegal, illicit or criminal actions
- Any other incident of a sufficiently serious nature that would place into jeopardy the safety of himself or others

The decision to expulse a student from a school or from the school board will only be taken after due process. Expulsion is a last resort. When possible, the school board will help the family find resources to meet the needs of the student.

#### **School Board action where expulsion is recommended:**

1. In the event that the school/centre authority recommends expulsion from the school/centre, or the school board, the Director General will study the request. If the Director General finds the recommendation founded, an ad hoc committee will be formed. This ad hoc committee will include the school/centre authority concerned, a board administrator, a professional and a commissioner who will study the case without delay. The Secretary General will inform the parents of this process.
2. The student and the parents will be given the opportunity to be heard by the members of the ad hoc committee before any recommendation is made to the Director General.
3. When the ad hoc committee recommends **expulsion from the school**, the Director General is informed of the recommendation and makes the appropriate decision. Should the Director General decide to expulse the student and the parents not agree with this decision the parents may appeal to the Council of Commissioners using procedures outlined in the school board's Complaint Examination procedure.<sup>1</sup>
4. When the ad hoc committee recommends **expulsion from all schools of the School Board**, the Director General shall be informed of the recommendation and will bring the case before the Council of Commissioners for decision.

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<sup>1</sup> BY-LAW RESPECTING THE COMPLAINT EXAMINATION PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED

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5. Should the Council of Commissioners' final decision be expulsion, the student or parents of the student may request the Council of Commissioners to reconsider their decision using procedures outlined in the school board's Complaint Examination Procedure. <sup>2</sup>
6. The student and his or her parents, the school/centre authority and the Director of Youth Protection authority, if necessary, shall be informed of the Council of Commissioners' decision.
7. As outlined in the School Board's *Complaint Examination Procedures*, students and parents may contact the Student Ombudsman as recourse once the procedures have been exhausted and the complainant is still not satisfied.
8. When a student is expelled from the school board, the Director of Complementary Educational Services will be informed. The student's name will be kept on a confidential record so that the expelled student will not be able to reintegrate another CQSB school.

## Definitions

In this policy, unless otherwise stated:

- 1) *School or Centre Authority* means a school or centre administrator or a designated authority.
- 2) *Parent* means a parent or person having legal responsibility for a student.
- 3) *Expulsion* means that a student has lost the right to attend a) the school/centre he or she attends or b) any school under the jurisdiction of the Central Québec School Board.

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