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Discipline Procedures for Students with Special Needs

If a special needs student is not expected to meet the regular discipline code of the school, a statement of modifications required shall be included in the student's Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

If suspension is proposed for a student with special needs, or a student engaged in an evaluation process to determine eligibility for special education services, and the suspension totals more than ten cumulative days, the following procedure is implemented:

The TEAM shall be convened to review the student's IEP and needs. A determination will be made as to whether the misconduct is a manifestation of the special need, or if it is related to a deficiency in special education services.

If the TEAM concludes that the student's misconduct is related to the student's disability or placement in an inappropriate special education setting, the student shall not be suspended. Instead, the district completes a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention plan if it has not already done so. If a behavioral intervention plan is already in place, the TEAM reviews and modifies it, as necessary, to address the behavior.

If the TEAM concludes that the misconduct is not related to the special needs nor is it the result of inappropriate services, the school may impose suspension to exceed ten cumulative days. However, the school will provide an alternative plan for the delivery of services. In addition, the district will offer, if appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications, to address behavior so it does not recur.

In the event that a student with special needs demonstrates instances of dangerously assaultive or self-abusive behavior, The district may make an emergency evaluation and placement with parental consent or by a hearing officer. Under special circumstances the district may place the student in an interim alternative educational setting for up to 45 days.