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**Student Access To Educational Services
During Exclusion From School**

Georgetown Public Schools is committed to ensuring that students who are suspended or expelled from school continue to have an opportunity to make academic progress through educational services provided by the district during the period of their exclusion.

Georgetown Public Schools is committed to meeting its obligations under section 37H ³/₄. As a result, school administrators:

- 1) Exercise discretion in deciding consequences for the student
- 2) Consider ways to reengage the student in the learning process
- 3) Avoid using expulsion as a consequence until other remedies and consequences have been tried

Additionally, Georgetown Public Schools provides:

- 1) Written notice to the student and parent or guardian of the reasons for suspension or expulsion in English and the primary language spoken in the home of the student
- 2) The opportunity for the student to meet with the principal to discuss the reasons for suspension or expulsion, before the suspension or expulsion takes effect. The principal must make reasonable efforts to include the parent or guardian in the meeting with the student

If the decision is made after the meeting to suspend or expel the student, including notice of the student's appeal rights, if applicable, and the appeal process:

- 1) Limits the length of suspensions or expulsions under section 37H ³/₄ to 90 school days
- 2) Requires the principal to notify the superintendent in writing of the out-of-school suspension of a student, the alleged misconduct, and the reasons for out-of-school suspension, before the suspension takes effect

Georgetown Public Schools will continue to provide educational services to any student suspended or expelled under these sections. The principal will create a "school-wide education service plan" for all students who are suspended or expelled for more than 10 consecutive school days, whether in or out of school, so that students have an opportunity to make academic progress.

Students who are suspended from school for 10 or fewer consecutive school days, whether in or out of school, will be provided an opportunity to make academic progress during the period of suspension, to make up assignments, and earn credits missed.

If a student moves into the district during a period of suspension or expulsion, Georgetown Public Schools will either admit the student or provide educational services to the student during the period of suspension or exclusion, depending upon circumstances.

Georgetown Public Schools reports to the Department of Education the specific reasons for all suspensions and expulsions, regardless of duration or type.