



POLICY

SO-32

EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS

Superintendent Responsible: Superintendent of Education, Safe Schools	Initial Effective Date: 2020/01/27
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Objective:

To support schools in creating and maintaining positive school environments that are safe, caring and welcoming for all students, employees, and school communities.

Policy Statement:

The Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) believes that, in addition to learning, mental health and well-being, a school promotes responsibility, respect, and civility in an environment that is safe, inclusive, caring and accepting by supporting the use of positive partnerships. In instances where safety of others is a concern, a student may be excluded from school for a period of time. This action maximizes student potential by reducing disruption to the learning environment and encourages a positive school climate for all members of the school community.

The Board of Trustees hereby delegates to the Student Discipline Committee the authority to hear and decide appeals of a Principal's decision to exclude a student from school made pursuant to Section 265(1)(m) of the *Education Act* and that the Committee shall conduct such appeals pursuant to the rules under relevant policies and bylaws, including Student Expulsions Policy (SO-07), Student Discipline Committee Terms of Reference, and the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act of Ontario*.

Reference(s):

- Exclusion of Students Procedure (SO-032)
- [Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. E.2](#)
- Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour Procedure (SO-011)
- [Statutory Powers Procedure Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.22](#)
- Student Expulsions Policy (SO-07)
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