

## **Discipline of Students with Disabilities**

### Statement

The district shall comply with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) when disciplining students. No special education student shall be expelled if the student's particular act of gross disobedience/misconduct is a manifestation of his or her disability. Any special education student whose gross disobedience/misconduct is not a manifestation of his or her disability may be expelled pursuant to the expulsion procedures, except that such disabled student shall continue to receive educational services as provided in the IDEA during such period of expulsion. A special education student may be suspended for an aggregate of 10 days of school per year, regardless of whether the student's gross disobedience/misconduct is a manifestation of his or her disabling condition.

Any special education student who has or will exceed 10 days suspension may be temporarily excluded from school by court order or by order of a duly appointed State of Connecticut hearing officer if the district demonstrates that maintaining the student in his or her current placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or others.

A special education student who has carried a weapon to school or to a school function or who knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at school or a school function may be removed from his or her current placement. Such a student shall be placed in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for no more than 45 days in accordance with the IDEA.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-233a through 10-233f. Suspension, removal and expulsion of students  
as amended by PA 95-304 and PA 96-244.

53a-3 Definitions.

53a-217b Possession of Firearms and Deadly Weapons on School Grounds.

PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Discipline and Security.

GOALS 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. 103-227.

18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions.

Title I - Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (PL 105-17).

Sec, 314 (Local Control Over Violence) Elementary and Secondary Schools Act of 1965, as amended by the Gun Free Schools Act of 1994.