

FAQ – Student Expulsion Under the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-22.6)**What behavior can get a student expelled?**

- Being found “... guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct, including gross disobedience or misconduct perpetuated by electronic means ...”
 - Local school boards generally have authority to determine the acts and/or omissions that constitute gross disobedience or misconduct.
- Making internet threats that meet certain criteria.

How long can a student be expelled?

- For a period “... not to exceed 2 calendar years ...”
- A one-year expulsion is mandatory for bringing a weapon (detailed in statute) “... to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school ...”
 - Note, this “... may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.”

What must occur prior to student expulsion?

- Exhaust “... other appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions ...”
- Determine that a “... student’s continuing presence in school would either (i) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community or (ii) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.”
- Make “... all reasonable efforts to resolve such threats, address such disruptions, and minimize the length of student exclusions to the greatest extent practicable.”
- Send proper notice of, and conduct, an expulsion hearing.

Where can I find out more about student expulsion?

- The provision of the Illinois School Code generally covering student expulsion may be found in [105 ILCS 5/10-22.6](#).
- ISBE maintains a [resource](#) outlining/summarizing various provisions regarding student expulsion on its [School Discipline webpage](#) (under the “Illinois Guidance and Resources” tab).
- For information regarding disciplining students with disabilities, contact ISBE’s Special Education Department at ISBESpecED@isbe.net or 217-782-5589. Additionally, ISBE’s Special Education Department maintains a [webpage](#) containing a selection of special education laws, regulations, and guidance.

For any additional questions, contact ISBE’s Wellness & Student Care Department at 217-782-5270.

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