# Policy

## Policy Guide

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### 1. PURPOSE

The Board of School Directors of the Keystone Oaks School District deems it appropriate to establish policies to address the enrollment of students who have previously been subjected to significant disciplinary measures by another public school district or a private school. The Board deems this crucial to maintenance of a safe, orderly and healthy environment conducive to learning.

### 2. AUTHORITY

A. The Board of School Directors has the power to control the conduct and deportment of pupils under their supervision and on their premises. Furthermore, the School District and its Administrators have the duty, when put on notice of inappropriate conduct, to take action to ensure that the conduct does not continue and to protect students from known risk or known improper conduct.

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B. The Board acknowledges that enrollment of new students, whether by transfer or relocation, may result from the disciplinary measures imposed on them by another school district or a private school.

C. The Board directs the Administration to admit resident students who have been previously suspended or expelled from another school district, in accordance with the terms of this Policy.

3. DEFINITIONS

“Suspension” - removal from school, for disciplinary reasons, for a period or time not to exceed ten (10) consecutive school days.

“Expulsion” - removal from school, for disciplinary reasons, for a period in excess of ten (10) consecutive school days.

“Remainder of suspension or expulsion” - the remaining number of school days assigned by the prior school, calculated by reference to the number of days of the suspension or expulsion the student served prior to withdrawal from the prior school and enrolling within the Keystone Oaks School District.

“School entity” - any private or public school.

4. PROCEDURE

1. Prior to the admission of any student to the Keystone Oaks School District, the parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of the student shall, upon registration, provide a sworn statement or affirmation, stating whether the student was previously or
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is presently suspended or expelled from any public or private school for an act or offense involving weapons, alcohol or drugs, or for the willful infliction of injury to another person, or for an act of violence on school property. Said statement shall include the name of the school from which the student was suspended or expelled for any of these reasons, and the dates of the suspension or expulsion.

2. The statement provided in accordance with paragraph one above shall be maintained as part of the student’s disciplinary record.

3. Where the statement provided in accordance with paragraph one above indicates that the student is presently under suspension or expulsion from a public or private school, the student’s admission to the Keystone Oaks School District shall be delayed until a certified copy of the student’s disciplinary record shall be received by the District, from the private or public school which imposed the suspension or expulsion.

4. Upon finding that a newly enrolled student is presently expelled from any private or public school for an act or offense involving a weapon, the Administration shall assign the student to an assignment other than what would have been his/her “regular” educational assignment, or provide alternative education services. Under no circumstances may the alternative assignment exceed the period of expulsion imposed by the private
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school or other public school. Written notice of the alternative assignment or the alternative education services shall be provided to the parent of the student within a reasonable time period.

5. Upon finding that a newly enrolled student is presently suspended from any private or public school, the Administration shall advise the student and his/her parents that he/she shall not be permitted to participate in the regular educational programs of the Keystone Oaks School District (including its extracurricular programs) until the remainder of the period of the suspension has elapsed. During the remainder of the period of suspension, however, the student shall be provided the opportunity to make up any schoolwork assigned by Keystone Oaks personnel during the remainder of the period of the suspension.

6. Upon finding that a newly enrolled student is presently expelled from any private or public school for an offense other than a weapons offense, the Administration shall advise the Board of School Directors. The decision of whether to require the student to continue to serve the remainder of the expulsion by the other school entity shall be made by the Board of School Directors, or a duly designated Committee thereof, following a hearing held solely for the purpose of determining the legitimacy of continuing the expulsion. At such a hearing, the expulsion shall be presumed to be a valid disciplinary action which may be
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rebuted by the student and/or his/her parents only by clear and convincing evidence.

a. At such a hearing, the prior determination of guilt by another school entity will be binding on the Board of School Directors and shall not be subject to questions. Parents are estopped from challenging the student’s guilt.

b. The student shall be required to serve the remainder of the expulsion where the student’s guilt is established (by prior record information from the former school entity) and the Keystone Oaks Board of School Directors (or a Committee thereof) determines that expulsion is the appropriate punishment.

7. Nothing set forth herein shall impact upon the rights, if any, of special needs students in this situation.