

Maryland PTA - Survey on the Use of Long-Term Suspensions and Expulsions

Please send the completed survey back to Maryland PTA at: office@mdpta.org by May 6, 2010

Background: Maryland law gives school systems the authority to suspend or expel students from school for disciplinary reasons. The Maryland State Board of Education is asking you to complete this survey in order to find out more regarding your beliefs about the ways that the long term suspension (more than 10 school days) and expulsion can be carried out and what services, if any, should be continued for the student during the long term suspension or expulsion.

Definitions:

Extended Suspension/Long Term Suspension (LTS): The temporary exclusion of a student from school for a specified period of time longer than 10 school days for disciplinary reasons.

Expulsion (Exp): The removal of the student from the student's regular school program by school authorities for disciplinary reasons.

Do you currently have any children enrolled in a school in Maryland?

Yes No

If you currently have children enrolled in a school in Maryland, have any been suspended for more than 10 school days or expelled?

Yes No

Should suspensions for over ten school days or expulsions, for students under 16 years of age, be used for any of the behaviors listed below? (Please check Yes or No for each)

	Yes	No
Fighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Fighting Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Fighting No
Bringing a weapon to school	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a weapon to school Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a weapon to school No

Bringing a firearm to school	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a firearm to school Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a firearm to school No
Physical attack on student(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical attack on student(s) Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical attack on student(s) No
Physical attack on staff member(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical attack on staff member(s) Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical attack on staff member(s) No
Sexual assault	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault No
Other, specify below	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify below Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments:

If a student, under 16 years of age, is suspended for more than 10 school days or expelled, the following should happen: (Select One Choice below)

- a. Work should be sent home and collected for grading purposes
- b. The student should be assigned to an alternative placement such as an alternative school
- c. No education services should be provided while the student is on suspension or expulsion (these suspensions or expulsion can last 9 to 18 weeks)
- d. Other, Please specify

Should suspensions for over ten school days or expulsions, for students over 16 years of age, be used for any of the behaviors listed below? (Please check Yes or No for each)

	Yes	No
Fighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Fighting Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Fighting No
Bringing a weapon to school	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a weapon to school Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a weapon to school No

Bringing a firearm to school	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a firearm to school Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing a firearm to school No
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Sexual assault	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault No
Other, specify below	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify below Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments:

If a student, 16 years of age or older, is suspended for more than 10 school days or expelled, the following should happen: (Select One Choice Below)

- a Work should be sent home and collected for grading purposes
- b The student should be assigned to an alternative placement such as an alternative school
- c No education services should be provided while the student is on suspension or expulsion (these suspensions or expulsions can last 9 to 18 weeks)
- d Other, Please specify

Additional Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

If you have any questions please contact the Maryland PTA Office

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