

I. DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES FOR PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF 365-DAY SUSPENSION

The Principal, upon having completed a thorough investigation will recommend to the CIS Advisory Board a long-term suspension and a 365 days suspension for any student who the Principal believes to have brought any firearm or powerful explosive to school. If the student is 14 years or older, the Principal also may recommend expulsion in accordance with board policy on Expulsion. A student with disabilities will receive all protection required by law.

The notice and appeal hearing rights as stated in the CIS Academy Policy on long-term suspension will be followed. A determination will be made by the CIS Advisory Board whether the evidence supports (1) a long-term suspension, (2) a 365 days suspension and/or an expulsion.

The CIS Advisory Board will notify the Principal if a long-term suspension, 365-day suspension or an expulsion is approved and the principal may immediately impose a long-term suspension. A long-term suspension may be appealed to the CIS Advisory Board thru the current appeals procedure established in CIS Academy Policy.

The Principal will keep all records required by the state or federal law on all suspensions made pursuant to this policy.

Legal Ref: G.S. 115C-391. Gun Free Schools Act of 1994

J. 365 DAYS SUSPENSION

A student who brings a firearm or powerful explosive into school property will be suspended for 365 days, unless the Principal recommends a modification to the CIS Advisory Board. A firearm includes any gun, rifle, pistol or other weapon used for firing a projectile by means of an explosive charge. A powerful explosive includes a dynamite cartridge, blasting cap, trinitrotoluene (TNT), nitroglycerin, grenade or mine or weapon of like kind. A student who brings a firearm or powerful explosive to school also will be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system.

K. REQUEST FOR READMISSION OF EXPELLED

At any time after the first of July that is at least 6 months after the CIS Academy Advisory Board expels a student, a student may make a written request to the Principal to reconsider that decision on the basis that the student is no longer a threat to the safety of students or employees. With the request, the student should provide any documents supporting the request, such as signed statements from individuals knowledgeable about the student or documentation of the completion of counseling or rehabilitative programs.

The Principal or designee will review the information. Within a reasonable time frame,

the Principal must provide the student with a written request in support or opposition of the request. If the readmission is supported, the Principal shall assign a date for readmission.

The grievance committee of the CIS Advisory Board will review the request and supporting documentation and the Principal's response. The CIS Advisory Board may, at its option, request that the student and Principal, along with individuals who deems may have credible evidence, to attend a closed session of the CIS Advisory Board.

The CIS Advisory Board will notify the student in writing of its decision in regard to the request through the Principal. If the student has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the CIS Advisory Board, that he or she is no longer a threat to the safety of the students and employees, the CIS Advisory Board will establish the date for readmission.