

## **Suspension**

Suspension is defined as the loss of privileges to all school activities for the duration of the suspension period. Suspensions shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Dean of Students or his/her designee between the student, and, when practical, the teacher, supervisor or school employee who referred the student. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and the evidence against him/her; he/she shall be given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense.

- At the time of the suspension, the Dean of Students or his/her designee shall contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. The parent/ guardian shall then be officially notified of the reason(s) for suspension, the length of suspension, and the date and time when the student may return to school via the school's Suspension Form that is generated using the student information system. This form will be sent home with the student.
- Parents have a right to file an appeal to a suspension, within five (5) days, in writing, with the School Leader. The School Leader or his/her designee will determine whether to uphold, reverse, or modify the decision to suspend the student. Decisions of the School Leader may be appealed in writing to: FRIENDS OF KING CHARTER SCHOOLS within five (5) days.

## **Expulsion**

FRIENDS OF KING CHARTER SCHOOLS leaders cannot expel a student; leaders can recommend a student for expulsion. If a school leader recommends a student for expulsion, the student will be suspended pending a hearing for a recommendation for expulsion. The student will then have the expulsion hearing, during which the Student Hearing Office will determine if the recommendation will be upheld, reversed, or modified. Expulsion is defined as the complete denial of all school services until the end of the school year.

- The student is entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The Student Hearing Office of the Orleans Parish School Board shall hold the hearing within ten (10) school days after the principal or his/her designee determines that an act for which the consequences may be expulsion has occurred.
- The student or parent/guardian is entitled to file an appeal of the expulsion. The Student Hearing Office will hear the appeal. The Student Hearing Office will determine whether to uphold, reverse, or modify the decision to expel the student.

More information on processes and procedures of and contact information for the Student Hearing Office can be found here: <https://opsb.us/departments/student-hearing-office/>.