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Meridian Technical Charter High School

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All students shall submit to the reasonable rules of the Charter School. Refusal to comply with written rules and regulations established for the governing of the School shall constitute sufficient cause for discipline, suspension, expulsion, or denial of enrollment.

For the purposes of the School's policies relating to corrective action or punishment:

1. "Temporary Suspension" is exclusion from School or individual classes for a specific period of up to five school days.

The Charter Administrator or the principal of the School may temporarily suspend any student for disciplinary reasons, including student harassment, intimidation, or bullying, or for other conduct disruptive of good order or of the instructional effectiveness of the School. Prior to suspending any student, the Charter Administrator or principal shall grant an informal hearing on the reasons for the suspension and the opportunity to challenge those reasons. Any student who has been suspended may be readmitted to the School by the Charter Administrator or principal who suspended them on reasonable conditions prescribed by the Charter Administrator or principal. The Board of Directors shall be notified of any temporary suspensions, the reasons for them, and the response to them.

2. "Extended Temporary Suspension" is the exclusion from School or individual classes by the Charter Administrator for an additional ten school days. Prior to suspending any student, the Charter Administrator shall grant an additional informal hearing on the reasons for the extended temporary suspension and the opportunity to challenge those reasons. The student may still be readmitted to the school by the Charter Administrator who suspended them on reasonable conditions prescribed by the Charter Administrator. The Board of Directors shall be notified of any extended temporary suspensions, the reasons for them, and the response to them.

3. "Prolonged Temporary Suspension" is the exclusion from School or individual classes for an additional five school days. Only the Board can extend a temporary suspension for an additional five days and only upon a finding that immediate return to School attendance by the temporarily suspended student would be detrimental to other students' health, welfare, or safety.

4. "Expulsion" is exclusion from School. Only the Board has the authority to expel or deny enrollment to any student who is an habitual truant, whose conduct is such as to be continuously disruptive of School discipline or of the instructional effectiveness of the School, or whose presence is detrimental to the health and safety of other students or who has been expelled from another charter school or school district in the State of Idaho or any other state including if they were disenrolled from a previous school or district in any state in lieu of discipline. In addition, the Board has authority to expel or deny enrollment to any student if they are convicted or adjudicated of offenses outlined in IC 20-252A(5) or other criminal offenses listed in chapter 9, 61, or 66 in Title 18, Idaho Code. Such convictions or adjudications shall be disclosed by the student's parent/guardian at the time of enrollment, and failure to do so may result in expulsion or denial of enrollment to the student. The School will provide written notice of any student who is expelled or denied enrollment to the prosecuting attorney within five days of the Board's actions.

No student shall be expelled nor denied enrollment without the Board having first given written notice to the parent/guardian of the student stating the grounds for the proposed expulsion or denial of enrollment and the time and place where such parent/guardian may appear to contest the action of the Board. The notice shall

also state the rights of the student to be represented by counsel, to produce witnesses and submit evidence on their own behalf, and to cross-examine any adult witnesses who may appear against them. Within a reasonable period of time following such notification, the Board of Directors shall grant the student and their parents/guardian a full and fair hearing on the proposed expulsion or denial of enrollment. However, the Board shall allow a reasonable period of time between notification and the hearing to allow the student and their parents/guardian to prepare their response to the charge.

5. "Discipline" constitutes all forms of corrective action or punishment, including brief exclusions from a class for not more than the remainder of the class period and exclusion from any other type of activity conducted by or for the School. Discipline shall not adversely affect academic grade, or graduation requirements, as long as all required work is performed.

Except in extreme cases, students will not be expelled unless other forms of corrective action or punishment have failed, or unless there is good reason to believe that other forms of corrective action or punishment would fail if employed. Suspensions or expulsions shall be used only for instances of serious student misconduct.

No student shall be expelled, suspended, or disciplined in any manner for any act not related to the orderly operation of the School or School-sponsored activities or any other aspect of the educational process.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Additional requirements apply when suspending or expelling a student with a disability. The School shall comply with these requirements as outlined in Procedure 3340P.

Legal References	Description
20 USC §§ 1400 - 82	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
IC § 20-516	Juvenile Corrections Act – Apprehension and Release of Juveniles – Detention
IC § 33-1631	Requirements for Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
IC § 33-205	Information and Professional Development
IC § 33-205	Denial of School Attendance
IC § 33-512	Governance of Schools
