**Title**: **5170 Student Expulsion**

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|  | **5170 Student Expulsion** All Catholic schools in the diocese shall attempt to form young people in the ways of the Catholic faith. If a student is unwilling or unable to abide by the rules and regulations of a Catholic school in the diocese and either breaks the rules consistently or does something of a very serious nature, he/she may be expelled.The following are examples of actions that may result in expulsion:1. Proven moral delinquency, which has a negative influence on other students.
2. Incorrigible behavior, which undermines classroom discipline.
3. Persistent truancy.
4. Deliberate violation of a school rule or regulation for which the promulgated penalty is expulsion. Promulgation requires written notification to students and parents, e.g., via student handbook and/or newsletter.
5. Serious acts of violence, the possession of a weapon, the attempt to sell or supply drugs.
6. Students who have received two suspensions and engage in further serious violations or an accumulation of minor violations of the school rules and regulations.
7. Students charged with criminal violations that occur apart from school or related activities.
8. Failure of two school drug tests.

The principal of the school, in consultation with the Director of Education, is the one who has the authority to expel in a student. If a student is a member of the one of the Catholic parishes of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the principal is to inform the student’s Pastor. When a student is guilty of an action that merits the punishment of expulsion, the school authorities are to arrange a meeting with the parent/guardians of the student. At the time, the facts of the case are to be presented and the decision of the Principal made known to the parent/guardians. The Principal must inform the parents in writing that the student is expelled. |