

Sec. 6-8. Expulsion of Pupils - Cause. Expulsion of a pupil is a suspension for a period exceeding ten consecutive school days. For a pupil with a disability, a prior determination that the behavior is unrelated to the pupil's disability is a prerequisite for expulsion. However, in all cases, a free appropriate public education must be made available to all students with disabilities expelled from school. Whenever a pupil in any school is found guilty of gross disobedience, misconduct or other violation as defined by the Student Code of Conduct of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, the pupil may be expelled from school. The parent or guardian shall be requested to appear at an expulsion hearing before a hearing officer to discuss the pupil's behavior. Such request shall be made by registered or certified mail and shall state the time, place, and purpose of the hearing. The hearing officer shall report to the Chief Executive Officer or designee a written summary of the evidence taken at the hearing together with the hearing officer's recommendations thereon. If the hearing officer recommends that the pupil be expelled, the hearing officer shall state the reasons for the recommendation and the proposed period of time that the student should be expelled from school. The Chief Executive Officer or designee shall determine the appropriate disciplinary action upon the summary and recommendations of the hearing officer. No pupil may be expelled except by the decision of the Chief Executive Officer or designee. The parent or guardian of an expelled student shall have the right to appeal the expulsion decision to the Chief Executive Officer or designee.

Pupils referred for expulsion whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process may be immediately reassigned to an alternative school. Procedural safeguards under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 apply to students with disabilities.