

REGULATION ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: Policy JCC (formerly Policy 902.19)

Responsible Office: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

STUDENTS CHARGED WITH COMMUNITY OFFENSES

A. PURPOSE

To establish procedures that govern the educational placement of students charged with criminal or juvenile offenses of a serious nature in the community.

B. BACKGROUND

The Board of Education recognizes that the presence of a student who has been charged with a criminal or juvenile offense of a serious nature in the community, especially an offense involving violence or weapons, may pose a threat to the safety and welfare of the student and others in the school community and disrupt the educational process in the school. The Board also recognizes that the educational needs of a student who has been charged with a criminal or juvenile offense of a serious nature in the community must be carefully balanced with the Board's obligation to provide a safe school environment free of disruption for all students.

In accordance with these principles, if school administrators determine that the presence of a student charged with a criminal or juvenile offense of a serious nature in the community poses a threat to the student or others, or to the educational process, the student may be assigned to an alternative educational program pending a final administrative decision of the student's educational placement.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. Criminal or juvenile offense of a serious nature in the community, as used in this regulation, means an offense involving violence, intentional force or the use of a weapon (e.g., assault, battery, robbery, extortion, murder, rape or arson), state or federal hate crimes; or distribution or sale of controlled dangerous substances.
2. Alternative Educational Program, as used in this regulation, means the J. Albert Adams Academy, the Mary E. Moss Academy, Evening High School,

home teaching, Summer School, or other alternative program of instruction offered by the Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

D. PROCEDURES

1. Upon receipt of information that a student enrolled in a school has been arrested and charged with a criminal or juvenile offense of a serious nature in the community, the principal of that school shall notify the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee (unless the information was initially provided by the Superintendent).
2. The principal shall determine whether the presence of the student poses a threat to the student, to others, or to the educational process at the school and report any findings to the Superintendent or designee. If action is deemed necessary, the principal and appropriate staff members shall develop and recommend to the Superintendent a plan that addresses appropriate educational programming and related services for the student and that maintains a safe and secure school environment for all students and school personnel. Placement procedures for students with disabilities shall be administered in accordance with the Anne Arundel County Public Schools Handbook for Special Education.
3. If the Superintendent accepts the recommendation of the principal and it results in a change to the student's educational program, the principal shall promptly schedule a conference to inform the parent or guardian of the plan. The plan shall be implemented within 5 school days after the school's receipt of the arrest information.
4. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of the information about the offense, and every 30 calendar days thereafter until the matter is resolved, the principal and appropriate staff shall review the plan and the student's status and make adjustments as appropriate. The parent or guardian shall be informed of any adjustments to the plan.
5. Where a student or a student's parent or guardian disagrees with the implementation of the Regulation, that disagreement shall be resolved in accordance with Board Policy 902.08/JCH governing complaints and the regulations hereunder. The student shall remain in the superintendent approved placement pending the outcome of any complaint hereunder.

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