Students who wish to apply for admission/readmission to the public schools of Garrett County after having been expelled may do so under certain conditions. The conditions [are] include:

1. that the student [Superintendent] has not been expelled by a school Superintendent [the student] on a permanent basis,
2. that the statements and requirements made by the Superintendent in the letter of expulsion are observed
3. that evidence is provided to and recognized by the Superintendent that documents that the student no longer presents an imminent threat of serious harm to other students and/or school staff
4. that the student follows the procedures and meets the criteria established below.

I. Status of Returnees

A. Students who are expelled will be provided with comparable educational services and appropriate behavior support services to promote successful return to the student’s regular school academic program. The expelled student will have the opportunity to complete classes and earn credits as provided within the comparable educational services.

[A.] B. Students who were expelled and attended another education program in lieu of a program provided by the Garrett County Public Schools, or in addition to that program will be dealt with according to existing practices.

1. From Accredited Institutions
A student who returns from an accredited institution will have his/her work and credits accepted, if the institution considered the work as having met passing standards, equitable to work and credits completed within a program provided by the Garrett County Public Schools.

2. From Non-Accredited Institutions

A student who returns from a non-accredited institution, including home instruction must be tested for credits according to Garrett County Policy 433.0 and Procedure 433.01.

[3. Home Instruction will not be recognized during period of expulsion.]

[B] [C. Students who were expelled and did not attend another education program may come back at the same grade level in which they were prior to expulsion if the student complies with other requirements listed in this procedure. In the case of a high school student,] [t]The student will be placed in accordance with the number of classes passed or credits he/she has earned. (NOTE: Correspondence courses are not accepted by the Garrett County Public Schools.] To meet the Garrett County High School graduation requirements, high school credits must be congruent with those required by the Garrett County Public Schools for high school graduation.

II. Petition for Re-Enrollment

The Expulsion Review Committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent regarding who shall be permitted to return to the Garrett County Public Schools and what the grade placement for that student shall be, based on the following procedures:

A. The student must submit an application to enter or re-enter the Garrett County Public Schools by the last day of June prior to the school year for which the student desires to enroll.

B. The student will be apprised, in writing, of the decision by the Superintendent [upon] following:
   1. The completion of an interview with the committee.
   2. the review and reporting of the committees recommendation to the Superintendent
   3. and the Superintendent’s review and final decision.

III. Discipline Record After Enrollment

[A ]. A student returning from an expulsion cannot be involved in any [Category I] offenses that present an imminent threat of serious harm to students or staff or he/she will be considered for expulsion by the Superintendent.

[B. A student returning from an expulsion cannot be involved in any Category II offenses within the first
year back in school or he/she will be considered for expulsion by the Superintendent.

IV. Expulsion Review Committee [*]

[*] The Expulsion Review Committee will be appointed by the Superintendent of Schools and shall consist of at least three members:

A. [one whom must be either] the principal or assistant principal of the school in which the student would be enrolled. [The other members would include:]

B. another principal, and/or a pupil personnel worker,

C. and the Director of Elementary Education, and/or the Director of Secondary Education and/or the [Director] Supervisor of Pupil Services. and/or the Supervisor of Special Education.

The Expulsion Review Committee[’s] will function[as] will be as follows:

A. [to] accept applications from those students who have been expelled from school and request admission/re-admission to the Garrett County Public Schools.

B. [to] make decisions to re-admit students only if it is in the best interest of the school and the student.

C. [to] ensure that all criteria and conditions established in this procedure are met by students who desire to enroll/re-enroll in the Garrett County Public Schools.

D. [to] meet with the student and his/her parents prior to making a recommendation, and

E. [to] make a written recommendation[s] to the Superintendent regarding the student’s petition based on a summary of the information gathered above.

V. The Superintendent will make the decision regarding re-admission and inform the student in writing within 30 days of receiving the report and recommendation from the expulsion review committee.

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