



Title: **EXCLUSION OF A STUDENT** Policy No.:
Effective Date: **2020, TBD**

Department: Learning Support Services: Special Education

Reference(s): - *Ministry of Education Violence Free Schools Policy 1994 Education Act, RSO 1990 c E.2, s. 265(1)(m) and s. 305, as amended. O. Reg. 474/00: Access to School Premises.;*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act, RSO 1990 c O.1, as amended;*
- *Trespass to Property Act, RSO 1990 c T.21, as amended;*
- *Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum No. 145: Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour (December 5, 2012).*

It is the policy of the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) that we foster and maintain learning environments that are safe for students, staff, parents, and guardians. Our schools welcome all students to their home school and have the expressed goal of meeting each student's educational and developmental needs through the use of a wide variety of available resources in the TVDSB.

Section 265(1)(m) of the *Education Act*, confirms that it is the duty of the Principal to, "*refuse to admit to a school or classroom a person whose presence would, in the Principal's judgment, be detrimental to the physical or mental well-being of the pupils*". Principals may, as a last resort, temporarily exclude a student from attending a classroom, school, or a school related event where, in their judgment, the safety and wellbeing of pupils is in jeopardy. An exclusion is subject to appeal to the School Board.

An exclusion by a Principal shall not be used to discipline students, but rather is a measure to ensure the safety of students in the school during a defined period.

The decision to exclude a student cannot be used in lieu of a consequence such as a suspension or an expulsion.

Administered By: Learning Support Services

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