

Manchester-Essex Regional School District

SCHOOL-WIDE EDUCATION SERVICE PLAN

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Sections 37H, 37H ½, and 37H ¾, the Manchester-Essex Regional School District must provide opportunities for students to earn credits, make up assignments, tests, papers, and other school work, as needed, in order to make academic progress during the period of his or her in school suspension, short-term suspension (10 days or less), long-term suspension (10 days or more) or expulsion.

I. Students suspended for ten (10) consecutive school days or less.

A student suspended for 10 consecutive days or less, even if resulting in more than ten days of suspension cumulatively in the school year, will be provided with the opportunity to make academic progress during the period of suspension. Suspended students will be assigned a school-based liaison who will provide the suspended student with a list of assignments to be completed by the student during the period of disciplinary removal. Students will have a time period equal to the number of days suspended to complete all assignments and assessments (for full credit) that were missed during the suspension.

Even though students suspended out of school are not allowed on school property while they are suspended, if meeting with a teacher is determined necessary by the student's assigned liaison for the student to continue making academic progress, a student may be allowed to meet with a teacher during the teacher's contractual extra help session after the dismissal of students.

II. Students suspended for more than ten (10) consecutive school days.

Students suspended for more than ten (10) consecutive school days or expelled will have the opportunity to access one (1) of the following options to facilitate their continued academic progress during the period of suspension or expulsion:

1. Tutorial Services:

The suspended or expelled student will be assigned to a tutorial session to be conducted virtually or at a location to be determined by the Manchester-Essex Regional Schools. The tutoring will be provided by a qualified MERSD personnel or contracted providers as assigned by the MERSD. The academic work will be consistent with the academic standards and curriculum frameworks established for all students under G.L. c. 69 §§1D and 1F.

2. Online Classes through approved program:

The suspended or expelled student will be assigned classes through an online program (currently MERSD utilizes Educere). These can be completed at home

with oversight by a Manchester-Essex Regional School District staff member. The academic work will be consistent with the academic standards and curriculum frameworks established for all students under G.L. c. 69 §§1D and 1F.

3. Credit Recovery through college courses:

A suspended or expelled high school student may, at private expense, enroll in college, university, or community college courses to fulfill credit requirements. A plan for fulfillment of requirements will be determined in concert with the Dean of Students and Guidance Counselor to ensure that the student enrolls in approved courses.

Students with IEPs and 504 plans may avail themselves of these options, in addition to individualized considerations regarding how these students will access their services.

To access one of the two alternatives listed above, you must contact the building Principal.