5305 Persistently Dangerous Schools Policy

Purpose

To ensure that a student attending a persistently dangerous school within the LEA is allowed to transfer to a safe public school within the LEA.

Definitions

"Persistently dangerous school" means

- I. a school where at least 3% of students for three consecutive school years have been suspended or expelled for:
 - A. a reported violent criminal offense that took place:
 - B. on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity.
 - C. Federal gun-free school violation as defined in 20 USC 7961
- II. "Violent criminal offense" means any of the following if the crime has been reported to law enforcement and a charge has been filed:
 - A. actual or attempted criminal homicide as defined in Section 76-5-201;
 - B. rape as defined in Section 76-5-402 through 76-5-402.3; aggravated sexual assault as defined in 76-5-405;
 - A. forceable sexual abuse as defined in 76-5-404;
 - B. aggravated sexual abuse of a child as defined in 76-5-404.1;
 - C. aggravated assault as defined in 76-5-103; or ADA Compliant: April 9, 2020 2
 - D. robbery as defined in 76-6-301.

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III.

LEA Notification to Parents – Transfer.

- (1) If Entheos Academy has a school that falls into the category of persistently dangerous, the School Director will provide the Executive Director with:
 - (a) a copy of the school's safety plan;
 - (b) a document outlining the local efforts to address school safety concerns; and
 - (c) relevant school safety data requested by the Executive Director.

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- (2) The LEA shall provide the designated school's information described in Subsection R277-714-3(1) within 30 days of receiving notice that the school has been designated as persistently dangerous to parents.
- (3) If Entheos Academy has a school that is designated persistently dangerous, the school shall provide written notice within 15 days of the school's notice that is persistently dangerous:
- (a) that the school has been designated as persistently dangerous, including the criteria that caused the school to be designated as persistently dangerous;
- (b) that a parent may transfer the parent's student to a safer school within the LEA if the parent chooses; and
- (c) the timeline and deadline for transfer of the parent's student, which may not exceed 30 days after a parent's receipt of notice of a school's designation.

Action Plan Content and Implementation.

- (1) If Entheos Academy has a school that has been designated as persistently dangerous, the school shall create an action plan and submit the plan to the Executive Director as specified by the Executive Director.
- (2) At minimum, the action plan shall include how the school will:
 - (a) provide additional personnel and staff to supervise students;
- (b) provide conflict resolution training and additional discipline training for staff of the school designated as persistently dangerous;
 - (c) collaborate with the applicable local law enforcement agency; and
 - (d) implement additional security measures for the school.