

**INTERIM ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SETTING**  
Weapons, Drugs, and Serious Bodily Injury

A principal may remove a student to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) instructional days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability, if the student:

1. carries a weapon to school or possesses a weapon;
2. knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance; or
3. has inflicted serious bodily injury upon another person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function.

When a decision is made to make a removal to an interim alternative educational setting, the special education student's parent must be notified of the change in placement and provided with the notice of procedural safeguards. This notice must be provided by the school on the date the school decides to make a removal that results in a change of placement. The school must make and document reasonable efforts to: 1) notify the parents of that decision; and 2) provide the parents with the notice of procedural safeguards. If the school is unable to notify the parent on the date a decision is made, the notice must be mailed to the parent not later than the following business day.

A manifestation determination must be conducted. However, if the student's conduct is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability, the student remains in the interim alternative education setting.