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The Board affirms that, while Indiana Law requires attendance of each student until eighteen (18) years of age, it is in the best interests of both the students and the community that they complete the educational program that will equip them with skills and increase their chances for a successful and fulfilling life beyond the schools.

The Board directs that whenever a student, sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years of age, wishes to withdraw from school, an exit interview will be conducted with the student, his/her parents, and the principal.

The student may not withdraw from school unless the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the principal agree to the withdrawal and the parent or guardian and the principal provide written consent for the student to withdraw from school. If the principal (this duty may not be delegated to a designee) does not consent to the student's withdrawal, the student's parent may appeal the denial to the Board.

At least five (5) days before holding an exit interview, the school shall give notice by certified mail and personal delivery to the student, the student's parent(s), or the student's guardian. The student's failure to attend an exit

interview or return to school if the student does not meet the requirements to withdraw from the school will result in the revocation or denial of the student's drivers license or learner's permit and employment certificate.

The CEO, Executive Director shall develop a withdrawal form (Form 5130 F4) which is to be signed by the student, his/her parent, and the principal in accordance with this policy.

Student Driver Privileges

In order to fulfill the obligations of Edison School of the Arts under Indiana Law, the following policy is hereby adopted by the Board.

A. Invalidation of Driver's Permit or License in Cases of Suspension, Expulsions and exclusions

1. Notification to Bureau of Motor Vehicles of Invalidating Event:

The CEO, Executive Director shall prescribe a form for use by principals to notify the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the occurrence of an expulsion or exclusion from school due to misconduct or a second suspension during a school year, in the case of any student who is at least fifteen (15) and less than eighteen (18) years of age.

2. Application of Invalidating Events to Students Withdrawing from or Re-enrolling in School before Graduation:

Edison School of the Arts desires to avoid creating an incentive for students whose driver privileges may be invalidated under the applicable statute and this policy to withdraw from school and thereafter re-enroll in order to shorten the time during which the driver's license would otherwise be invalidated. Therefore, Edison School of the Arts interprets the term "student in good standing" for purposes of removing a student's ineligibility for driver licensing to refer to a student who is enrolled in school after expiration of both the time of suspension, expulsion or exclusion from school and either (a) 120 days after the effective date of suspension or (b) 180 days after the effective date of expulsion or exclusion. Consistent with this policy, the CEO, Executive Director need not determine whether any student has withdrawn from school in an effort to circumvent invalidation of driving privileges.

B. Habitual Truancy

1. Definitions:

Each school will determine whether any student enrolled in the school who is at least thirteen (13) and less than fifteen (15) years of age should be identified as a "habitual truant" which is defined as a student who accumulates within any school semester a total of eight (8) unexcused absences from school or from a specific class or other scheduled activity during regular school hours.

2. Procedure to Determine Habitual Truancy:

The procedures for determination of habitual truancy, including the forms and procedure for submission of a list of determinations to BMV, shall be prescribed by the CEO, Executive Director in an administrative regulation to be adopted and implemented in accordance with I.C. 20-8.1-5-3.

3. Periodic Review of Habitual Truant Status:

- a. Any student who has been designated as a habitual truant is entitled to periodic review of his/her status at the end of the first full semester of school enrollment after the semester in which the initial determination was made and at the end of each semester thereafter so long as the designation remains in effect.
- b. The periodic review should be conducted by the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled at the time of the review. The decision of the principal shall be final and shall be deemed to be the determination of the Board.

Student Transferring from Other School District:

Invalidating events occurring with respect to any student while enrolled in another Indiana School District shall be recognized by Edison School of the Arts in the same manner as if the invalidating event had occurred while the student was enrolled in Edison School of the Arts.

Administrative Regulations

The CEO, Executive Director is authorized to adopt, and issue administrative regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions of this policy, including but not limited to procedures for determinations to be made by school administrators, notifications to BMV and maintenance of applicable records.