

APPENDIX B

SPECIAL CIRCULAR

1. A child who threatens or engages in physical violence to himself, his/her fellow students, or a teacher may be directed by the teacher to report immediately to the principal or other designated supervisor under such escort as is prescribed by the school. Such pupil shall not be returned to the classroom without consultation between the principal and the teacher.
2. Pupils who so seriously disrupt the classroom work as to impede effective instruction may be reported by the teacher to the principal or other designated supervisor. Such report shall be in writing and shall contain substantiating data on the behavior of the child.
3. Upon receiving a report of violent or disruptive behavior the principal or his/her designated representative shall make a suitable investigation and shall promptly initiate a course of action that will best serve the needs of the school and the child.
4. If the problem is not solved in this manner after available courses of action have been taken and the decision has been reached by the principal that the child still seriously disrupts the classroom work as to impede effective instruction, the child should be referred to other facilities within the school. If no such facilities exist within the school the principal shall refer the case to the community or assistant superintendent under existing procedures.
5. Each plan of action should involve the parent, the teacher, the child and other appropriate personnel. No final decision on placement or care should be arrived at without such participation.
6. If action by the principal is unduly delayed or if the child is repeatedly returned to the same teacher's classroom or if a series of actions by the principal does not resolve the issue, the teacher may appear to the community or assistant superintendent. The community or assistant superintendent shall set up an appropriate procedure for review and disposition of such cases, If the community or assistant superintendent finds that the continued presence of that child in a regular classroom so interferes with instruction as to be seriously detrimental to the interests of all the children (including the particular child), he/she shall, if consistent with applicable law, direct that the child not be returned to a regular class and follow appropriate procedures for the proper placement of the child.
7. There shall be established in each district a panel to hear appeals from the decision of the community or assistant superintendent. The panel shall consist of a teacher selected by the Union, a parent selected by the local school board from a list of three names submitted to it by the district parents' council, and a third member selected by the community or assistant superintendent who shall be employed by the school system in the field of psychology or social work or guidance. The panel shall have the power to make recommendations in writing to the Chancellor who shall make the final decision on the appeal in accordance with applicable law. During the first year of this circular the Chancellor will render his/her decision within 30 days following receipt of the panel recommendations and thereafter within 15 days.