

# Classroom Exclusion

## General Education & Special Education Students

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**Classroom exclusion** means the exclusion of a student from a classroom or instructional or activity area for behavioral violations. A Classroom exclusion does not include actions that result in missed instruction for a 'brief' duration when:

- (a) A teacher or other school personnel attempts other forms of discipline to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations
- (b) The student remains under the supervision of the teacher or other school personnel during such brief duration

### Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-025 Definitions (2) (a) (b)

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#### **Did You Know?!**

School districts are required to notify the student's parent as soon as reasonably possible about a classroom exclusion.

- Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-335 (2)

#### **Did You Know?!**

If a teacher directs a student to go into the hallway and leaves the student there unsupervised or with a para-professional for longer than a brief duration of time, this action is a classroom exclusion.

#### **Did You Know?!**

There is no definition for "brief duration". There are examples found in the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Student Discipline Rules Questions and Answers, A Technical Guide.

#### **Did You Know?!**

There are limitations for the duration of a Classroom Exclusion.

- Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-330 (3) (a)

### **Did You Know?!**

A Classroom Exclusion and an In-School Suspension are different other than they both happen within the school building.

### **Did You Know?!**

A Classroom Exclusion does not include exclusions from recess, lunch, transportation, or extra-curricular activities.

### **Did You Know?!**

A Classroom Exclusion however does take place if the student is excluded from going to class because of a behavioral violation that occurred during recess or lunch.

### **Did You Know?!**

As a part of school districts policies and procedures beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, school districts were to have established grievance procedures to address parents' or students' grievances related to the administration of classroom exclusions and other forms of discipline, including discipline that excludes a student from transportation or extra-curricular activity.

The school districts procedures must, at a minimum, include an opportunity for the student to share the student's perspective and explanation regarding the behavioral violation

- Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-400-110 (1)(h)  
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