NEW: PREK-3 DISCIPLINARY DISMISSALS - (MN Statutes 121A.425)

LEGAL DEFINITION

- "Dismissal" means the denial of the current educational program to any pupil, including exclusion, expulsion, and suspension. It does not include removal from class.

FULL AND EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION

- A student enrolled in preschool through grade 3 cannot be subject to dismissal.

Exclusions and expulsions may only be used after a school implements at least one of the following methods:

- Collaborating with the student’s family or guardian, child mental health consultant or provider, education specialist, or other community-based supports

- Creating a plan, written with the parent or guardian, that details the action and support needed for the student to fully participate in the current educational program

- Providing a referral for needed support services, including:
  - parenting education, home visits, other supportive education interventions
  - evaluation to determine if the pupil is eligible for special education services or 504 services (when appropriate)

EXCEPTIONS TO EXCLUSION / EXPULSION DISMISSALS:

- The prohibition does not apply to a dismissal from school for less than one school day. (Special education student dismissals need to follow state and federal special education law)

- The prohibition does not apply when there is an ongoing serious safety threat to the child or others.

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